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It's an inaugural Bowl for Bush

I HEAR that one of the first public appearances by sworn-in President **George W. Bush** — apart from the inaugural balls in D.C. — will be at the Super Bowl in Tampa Jan. 28. Dubya loves sports and owes Florida for his victory in overtime.

What isn't so sure are the Super Bowl plans of Sen. **Hillary Rodham Clinton**. The former first lady has been invited to Grammy and Broadway producer **Pierre Cossette's** legendary Super Bowl party at Sardi's, but so far hasn't RSVP'd.

If she does attend the bash, Hillary will really get to road-test her new New Yorker persona. She'll have to balance beer and a hot dog while being juggled by every ward heeler and political fixer in the city. And (if the Blues get by the Vikes next weekend) she'll have to tell everyone about how she's been a Giants fan since she was a child.

Pierre's 27-year-old party has always been more about political schmoozing than watching the game. Next to the Al Smith Dinner, it's the ultimate test of who knows whom in the permanent government of this city and state.

Among this year's invitees are Hillary's erstwhile Senate opponent **Rudy Giuliani** (with **Judi Nathan** on his arm?), New York's *senior* (lest we forget) senator, **Chuck Schumer**, and Harlem Rep. **Charlie Rangel**, who cops the credit/blame for getting Hill into the race in the first place.

The showbiz list includes **Tony Bennett**, **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Matthew Broderick**, **Alec Baldwin** and **Kim Basinger** (if they show up together, you know the marriage is OK), **Frank** and **Kathie Lee Gifford**, **Billy Crystal**, **Jerry Seinfeld**, **Regis Philbin** and pregnant **Celine Dion**, who is about to sign a megabucks contract to play 40 weeks a year in Vegas.

Right after the party, Pierre will take the red-eye to L.A. to resume his 16-hour days preparing for the Grammy Awards show, which airs Feb. 21 on CBS. You know that behind Rudy's back, a lot of the movers and shakers at the Super Bowl party will be asking Cossette to use his influence to bring the Grammys back here next year.

Lynne and Hillary

USA TODAY states that Lynne Cheney "will be the first spouse of a president or vice president to pursue such an independent career" ("Lynne Cheney resumes career," News, Friday).

But doesn't our president's wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, have her own independent career? I find it interesting that people can question Mrs. Cheney's working outside the home while her husband is vice president, yet our current president's wife "lives" in New York and is now a sitting U.S. senator.

That sounds like an independent career to me.

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Socks gets the boot;
Buddy to follow BillBy Maria Puente
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It was never a happy marriage, and now it looks like **Buddy** and **Socks**, the White House pets, are heading for Splitsville.

Socks, the black-and-white cat who never much liked Buddy the chocolate Labrador, is expected to be adopted by **Betty Currie**, President Clinton's secretary. She became a close FOS (Friend of Socks) once he figured out she always had tasty tidbits to share.

Irrepressible Buddy, who came on the scene in late 1997, will get to live the good life, dividing his time between the Clintons' \$1.7 million estate in Chappaqua, N.Y., and their new \$2.85 million mansion on Embassy Row in Washington.

The 9-year-old cat — who received hundreds of admiring letters during his two terms in the White House and even had his own fan club — instead will live in Currie's suburban Virginia home.

It may be a letdown for the first cat, perhaps the most famous White House cat ever, who used to putter around the grounds on a 30-foot leash. Adopted as a kitten by **Chelsea**, who found him living under her piano teacher's porch in Little Rock, Socks went on to raise money for charity by starring in **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** 1998 book, *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets*.

"I met him many times," says Jay Jacob Wind of Arlington, Va., president of the Socks the Cat Fan Club. "He never scratched, he let everyone pet him and he greeted everybody. He really knew how to work a rope line."

So why are the Clintons giving up Socks? No one is saying. Could it be he claws at the drapes and scratches the furniture? The Clintons have always denied it, and Hillary Clinton told **David Letterman** the cat was declawed.

Although technically he's Chelsea's cat, he can't stay with her while she's living at Stanford. By all accounts, Currie likes him and maybe she deserves something after enduring the **Monica Lewinsky**/impeachment mess, when she was dragged before a grand jury and repeatedly swarmed by reporters.

Meanwhile, **President-elect Bush**, who bragged that he fed his two cats himself every morning and talked about how



By Greg Gibson, AP

Like cats and dogs: President Clinton tried out his peace negotiation skills at the first meeting between Socks and Buddy in January 1998.

much he missed them on the campaign trail, nonetheless has given up one of them: **Ernie**, a ginger-and-white stray who was rescued from a tree on the grounds of the Texas governor's mansion in Austin a few years ago. The Bushes may have feared furniture damage from Ernie, who has all his claws on his six-toed paws. The other Bush feline, **India**, a black cat, is older, better behaved and declawed.

Kim Black, a Bush spokeswoman, says Ernie was adopted over the weekend by Brad Freeman, a Bush pal who lives in Los Angeles. "Brad spent a lot of time at the mansion and really took a liking to Ernie," Black says.

India will move to the White House on Jan. 20 along with the two Bush dogs: **Spot**, an English springer spaniel and daughter of former president **George Bush's** dog **Millie**; and **Barney**, a Scottish terrier puppy who was a recent gift from New Jersey Gov. **Christie Whitman** to **Laura Bush**.

Lena Olin swoons for Clinton;
Messing is 'fun and fearless'

Bill Clinton has made another conquest — lovely Swedish actress **Lena Olin**, who was with director hubby **Lasse Hallstrom** at a weekend White House screening of their current movie, *Chocolat*.

"He's one of the most fascinating men I've met, and I've met a few incredible directors and writers in my life," she told me Monday.

Clinton spent a full hour chatting with her and Hallstrom after the screening, also attended by Sen. **Hillary Clinton**, **Don Henley**, **Mick Fleetwood**, *Chocolat* producer **David Brown** and wife **Helen Gurley Brown**, and several past and present White House staffers.

Olin said, "We were blown away that somebody who's the president of the U.S. could make two people feel they're not talking to the president, just an extremely magnetic and intelligent man." She goes so far as to compare Clinton's storytelling skills to the "mesmerizing" ability of director **Ingmar Bergman**.

"He seemed very relaxed, full of energy. He's starting a new life." Olin thinks the prez could direct: "To be so moved by people, that's the most important thing for a director."

Clinton was "very sweet" about her performance as an abused wife in *Chocolat*, a tale of tolerance in a French village that's drawing Oscar buzz. The prez told her he likes chocolate a lot, but apparently the conversation didn't cover the fact that in the movie, the sweet stuff has a South American kick that makes it an aphrodisiac.

Flashes: *Will & Grace* star **Debra Messing** is *Cosmopolitan's* "Fun, Fearless Female of the Year" and is on the cover of its February issue.



News & views

By Jeannie Williams

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Messing will join eight other fearless awardees at a Jan. 29 lunch in New York: **Drea de Matteo** of *The Sopranos*; **Heather Headley** of Broadway's *Aida*; **Julia Stiles**, who lures **Alec Baldwin** in *State and Main*; **Helen Fielding**, author of *Bridget Jones's Diary*; MTV reporter **Ananda Lewis**; the timeless **Bo Derek**; **Molly Sims**, *House of Style* host; **Colleen Fitzpatrick**, better known as singer **Vitamin C**, and, naturally, a Survivor, **Kelly Wiglesworth** (who poses with a rat).

Green-eyed Messing talks in the mag about actor hubby **Daniel Zelman**, whom she wed five months ago, after fearlessly moving to L.A. without him. She also says Grace's wardrobe will have to expand: "We're going to have to deal with my being pregnant, if I'm lucky. Not tomorrow, but within a few years."

VIPs: ABC News prez **David Westin** hosts an inaugural brunch/reception Jan. 21 at Decatur House in Washington, D.C., with the news team (including former Clintonite **George Stephanopoulos**). **George W. Bush**, who takes the oath that Saturday, and wife **Laura** are invited, as are **Dick** and **Lynn Cheney**. ... Preppy conservative **Tucker Carlson** of CNN's new *The Spin Room* gets a valentine in *New York* magazine, with **Michael Wolff** dubbing him a possible "first star of the Bush administration." Tucker's dad, **Dick**, was former president **George Bush's** ambassador to the Seychelles. ... Producer **Pierre Cossette** hosts his 27th annual Super Bowl party Jan. 28 at Sardi's. ... I hear **Rosie O'Donnell** won't be invited back to host the Grammy Awards. A bit too much mouth last year.

Mutual admiration

President Clinton took a few moments at his wife's election victory party in New York City late Sunday to praise Vice President Al Gore.

"Under circumstances which have never before existed in our country, and I pray to God never will again, in the last eight weeks he's shown us a strength of character that very few of us could emulate," Mr. Clinton said.

Mr. Clinton was speaking at Madison Square Garden to celebrate Hillary Rodham Clinton's swearing-in last week as New York's junior senator.

For his part, Mr. Gore joked about his election loss while complimenting Mrs. Clinton, Agence France-Presse reports.

"I congratulate you, Senator Clinton . . . not only on winning, not only on all the votes you received, but on getting your votes counted and finishing the race on time and actually winning it," he said.

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The test of making headway on the Hill

Despite still smoldering bitterness over the presidential election endgame, it ought to be possible for President-elect George W. Bush to achieve some bipartisan legislative successes this year.

There are agreements to be had on education, Medicare reform, patients' rights and even tax cuts if Bush plays his cards skillfully.

That means demonstrating a cooperative spirit with Democratic leaders, then bargaining hard for what he wants, winning over as many moderate Democrats as he can, and caving in only if he has to.

For sure, Mr. Bush ought to take up a suggestion made by Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle of South Dakota and hold regular weekly meetings with top Democrats to keep the lines of communication open.

"There's great benefit to be had in regularized contact," Mr. Daschle told me in a recent interview. "It prevents misunderstandings. It gives everybody a chance to clear the air, to ask, 'What did you mean when you said that? Why did you do that?'"

Mr. Bush's ability to attract only one or maybe two Democrats into Cabinet-level jobs is one indication bipartisanship won't be easy. More-

over, it is practically gospel among Democratic activists that Mr. Bush's presidency is "illegitimate," handed to him by conservatives on the Supreme Court.

Incoming Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said in a party leaders' conference call in late December: "Let George W. Bush have a good week. Let him have a good Inauguration. But we need to give these Republicans the same honeymoon they gave us: None."

African-American Democrats, such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton, are especially bitter about Mr. Bush's victory and are not likely to be mollified by the fact that Mr. Bush's Cabinet "looks like America," ethnically speaking, every bit as much as Bill Clinton's did.

Mr. Bush's first batch of top-level appointees includes three African-Americans (as many as Mr. Clinton's did), six women (one more than Mr. Clinton appointed) and

three Hispanics (one more than Mr. Clinton named).

Among his top-level White House aides, Mr. Bush has a female African-American, a white woman and a Latino male. Mr. Clinton's original inner circle contained, apart from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, only white males.

By the definition of some Democrats, no matter how much he demonstrates that he believes in diversity, Mr. Bush can't be bipartisan unless he adopts Democratic priorities from the get-go.

That's not true. Mr. Bush is best off sticking to his "compassionate conservative" agenda, fighting for it as hard as he can and cutting deals with his base behind him.

Mr. Bush has started out sending mixed signals on private-school vouchers, the most controversial item on his education agenda. Mr. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer disputed The Washington Post's story that said Mr. Bush was prepared to drop vouchers in order to get his

program passed, but the denial was tepid.

Mr. Bush may have to give up that item, but signaling a cave-in up front only invites Democrats to try to win other concessions. He would be better off taking the suggestion of columnist Matthew Miller and increasing the value of vouchers to parents in failing school districts to an amount that might actually enable them to pay tuition at parochial schools.

Such a plan might help Mr. Bush win support from middle-class African-Americans, since most polls show they favor vouchers as an escape from bad public schools.

On Medicare reform, Mr. Bush's obvious opportunity for bipartisanship is to back the prescription drug proposal of Sens. John Breaux, Louisiana Democrat, and Bill Frist, Tennessee Republican, which combines direct subsidies to seniors with administration outside the existing Medicare bureaucracy.

Democrats favor providing drugs through the existing Medicare system, but the Breaux-Frist bill may face more serious difficulty from Rep. Bill Thomas, California Republican, whose proposal calls for subsidizing private insurance companies and keeping the

Medicare bureaucracy.

If Mr. Bush is going to cave on anything, it is likely to be his "helping hands" proposal, a temporary block grant to states that makes it easier for seniors to buy drugs while a new federal program gets up and running.

Incoming Senate Finance Chairman Charles Grassley, Iowa Republican, favors creating a short-term bipartisan commission to iron out Medicare differences.

On taxes, Mr. Bush ought to push for his full \$1.3 trillion package. He has two new good arguments going for it: the rapidly weakening economy that needs a boost and increased estimates of the 10-year federal budget surplus.

Mr. Grassley thinks Mr. Bush and Congress should enact a broad tax cut by April 15, acknowledging that the president-elect may have to settle for a higher tax rate than his proposed 33 percent and, possibly, less than \$1.3 trillion.

However, he ought to try to get what he wants first. He should smile and reach out, but the more he wins, the more Democrats will respect him.

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Fond farewell

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and the Joint Chiefs of Staff will honor President Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton today at the Pentagon. Spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the couple will be applauded "for their support of the military over the last eight years."

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Paying respects

First lady and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton waves to spectators after attending the funeral of Jack McAuliffe, the father of Democratic Party fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, N.Y., yesterday.

Q: "Reverend Sharpton, how many suits do you own?" A: "Well, you would have to—I debate whether I own it because a lot of that is business expense, but I have, I have access to about 10 or 12."

Hmm, let's see. There's Al Gore, Bill Bradley, Ed Koch, Hillary PANTSUIT Clinton and . . . so on. Unless, of course, the Rev. Al is talking about the blue serge, the gray flannel and the summer seersucker. If so, one might wonder whether his access to said suits is unrestricted. That is, is he obstructed in any way by previous owners, dry cleaners or wire hangers?

Such questions were never satisfactorily resolved in a lengthy but cagey—the New York Times used the word "squirrely"—deposition Mr. Sharpton gave recently to lawyers for Steven A. Pagones, the former prosecutor Mr. Sharpton was found to have defamed in connection with the

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Suits make the charlatan

How does the Rev. Al live the good life?

Tawana Brawley hoax 13 years ago, and to whom Mr. Sharpton still owes \$65,000 in damages.

Al Sharpton says he can't pay up. In fact, the way he tells it, he has no money—not a dime—no credit cards, no tech stocks, no car, not even a radio; just a nice watch, a wedding band (take them, Mr. Pagones), and the strange power to make Democratic candidates bend at the knees. He says he puts "99 percent" of his "take-home" pay (\$73,000, he says) into his promotional company, Rev. Als Productions—handy moniker, that—but somehow sends his daughters to a pricey private school. He has no bank account, but sure seems to have everything else. Mr. Pagones' legal team

thinks Mr. Sharpton has a hidden asset or two.

Sounds like a good hunch. If Mr. Sharpton, now seriously mulling a run for New York City mayor, throws his hat into the ring, will the secrets of his pocketbook spill out for all to see? That would depend on the media. Judging by the pass they just gave Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on fiscal matters—funny money fund-raising, and even cattle futures trading—Rev. Al is reasonably safe. Sure, the cattle deal is about juicy as a sack of old fertilizer by now, but the fact remains that Mrs. Clinton never gave a cogent explanation for her great luck. Nor, more important, was she asked for one. It seems that Mrs. Clinton,

and maybe Mr. Sharpton, too, have simply graduated beyond having to deliver explanations for anything. In Mrs. Clinton we behold a being whose \$8 million book deal, \$2.85 million mansion, and Senate seat have been reduced by an admiring press corps to mere accouterments of celebrity living, a blinding shield for the woman beneath. "Can a celebrity with a multi-million dollar book deal and a new mansion find happiness in the nation's oldest and most exclusive club?" NBC's Andrea Mitchell recently enthused.

Which is not to say, however, that there are no insights to be gleaned from a human being's more superficial characteristics. Take the fact that the junior senator from New York doesn't carry a purse. Lucianne Goldberg first raised this not-altogether flippant

issue on her news-synthesizing web site, Lucianne.com: "What gives Hillary the total look of empowerment is the fact that, though pocketless, she never carries a handbag. That means, significantly, someone is just out of camera range carrying it for her. Think about it."

It actually fits like the last puzzle piece. There are many things you would think might happen to regalistic women who don't carry pocketbooks that are happening to Mrs. Clinton. Naturally, she's having a hard time digging up a ghost writer for her \$8 million book, for

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example. It seems her reputation for berating and belittling underlings is having the ju-ju effect of warding off all literary "ghosts."

As one publisher who gave Mrs. Clinton a list of potential writers told the New York Post's Page Six, "She's having trouble. She's incredibly difficult. She didn't like the editors of her first two books, and she hated the ghostwriters." Another "insider" pooh-poohed the notion. "There are no difficulties," the source insisted, noting that Mrs. Clinton was, after all, rather busy these days—new house, new job and all those swearings-in. After being sworn in twice in Washington—the first time, the real McCoy, the second time, a staged "reenactment."

Mrs. Clinton will actually be sworn in a third time at—get this—the Theater at Madison Square Garden. (Such an appropriate venue.) There, Mrs. Clinton will take the oath of office again—why not?—this time feted by the likes of Billy Joel, Toni Morrison, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Jessye Norman. No word yet on whether the Rev. Al will attend, but it's a good bet that he'll have access to a suit.



Diana West

Drug industry's wake-up call

Price controls bill innovation

By James Driscoll

The high cost of prescription drugs was a dominant theme of the presidential campaign. Al Gore made the pharmaceutical companies, whom he called "vermin" and "rats in the barn" a major liability for George W. Bush and many Republican congressional candidates. Drug prices were a major factor in the loss of three Republican seats in the Senate and several in the House. For the Mercks, Pfizers, and Glaxos, this election was a lose-lose proposition.

In the years ahead the pharmaceutical industry faces a huge challenge defending free market drug pricing. Unless it does a better job marketing itself, we may get price controls that, by slashing profits, will impede drug development and thereby condemn millions to unnecessary suffering and premature death.

Drugs are expensive chiefly because the cost of researching and developing better replacement drugs is built into their prices. High drug prices reflect the high cost and risk of innovation. Stop innovation and within 15 years most current patents will have expired; prescription drugs will then become generic commodities, like aspirin and vitamin C, affordable to nearly everyone.

The same principle applies to other high technology products. Stop or slow software and computer innovation, and prices will fall. Persuade the Department of Defense to rest content with current weaponry, and arms expenditures will drop. However, we value high technology along with the new wealth it brings, and few want to see our foreign competitors overtake us militarily. We pay the cost of most innovations with little complaint for we understand that innovation ultimately gives us more for our money and we realize that innovation is essential to maintaining prosperity.

Yet when it comes to the cost of new and better drugs, we hear endless complaints from the public and indignant demands for price controls from politicians.

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Why is it so much easier to sell innovations that protect and increase our wealth than those that protect and improve our health? The answer lies in the unique disadvantages the drug industry faces.

Unlike computer innovations, drugs to keep people alive are deemed a necessity. People resent paying top dollar for any necessity and are quick to condemn as greedy and heartless the seller who charges all the traffic will bear. Breakthrough drugs often take longer to develop than breakthroughs in other areas, and they help only people with a specific disease, usually a small minority. A cure for the common cold would benefit all, but more feasible advances, such as a better drug for kidney cancer, Alzheimer's, or AIDS, benefit only a few.

Although pharmaceuticals relieve sickness and suffering, unlike a new car, a home theater, or the latest computer, they give neither pleasure nor status. The materialist within always reminds us of the ego-rewarding things we could buy with the money spent on that "little box of pills." Furthermore, many drugs have bad side effects and none come with guarantees.

Finally, the pharmaceutical industry is fragmented and fiercely competitive. No drug company enjoys the market dominance held by Cisco, Intel, Microsoft or AOL. Each of these disadvantages can be overcome. The pharmaceutical companies have not overcome them chiefly because they lack a coherent long-term strategy. Obsessed with the current quarter's bottom line, they rely on crisis management. Crisis management is defensive and opportunistic. It is geared to maximizing short-term gains by postponing the big problems and by accepting myopic compromises that risk long range damage.

Crisis management and the drug companies' highly competitive nature makes them prone to marketing excesses and dubious public relations practices. When liberals from health care non-profits demagogue their "greed," the companies lavish grants on their detractors. Their self-defeating "generosity" confirms the liberal belief that the companies are "sleazy," and proves that, since the squeaky wheel gets the

oil, they must keep crying "greed" to keep the grant money flowing. Hush money to liberal critics is only the tip of the drug industry's iceberg of payoffs — which extends to doctors, researchers and others who can influence market choices. Fuller disclosure would help the companies clean up their images. Notwithstanding, they remain secretive which further exacerbates the public's suspicion and distrust.

Consequently, the pharmaceutical industry's compelling case against price controls is handicapped by its bad reputation. High prices and profits at the expense of the sick and dying along with debatable practices and habitual secrecy have bred an epidemic of rancor that has spread through the entire electorate.

Republicans oppose drug price controls on free market principles. This, however, is only one of their many commitments. Republicans cannot defend any commitments if they are not re-elected. While drug company PACs favor Republicans, their marketing and public relations divisions make massive contributions to highly political non-profits far to the left of Hillary Clinton and Al Gore. These non-profits, fat with pharmaceutical largess, in turn oppose free market policies and work aggressively to defeat Republican candidates.

Republicans have begun to flinch at the cost of defending an industry that is resented by seniors and distrusted by most voters, an industry that resists disciplining itself to improve its practices and reputation. They know that the pharmaceutical companies owe their enviable profits to America's unique freedom from price controls. Had Bill Clinton instituted Hillarycare in 1994, today these companies would be adrift in a regulatory Sargasso along with big tobacco. To avoid that crippling fate, they must change their image and convince the voters that medical innovation requires a free market.

If price controls are instituted, most Americans will lose and suffer, above all the old and the sick. For the sake of their shareholders and for the good health of everyone, the pharmaceutical companies need to wake up.

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HILLARY CLINTON joins in the early positioning on roles in the new Congress.

The freshman New York senator signals interest in centrist politics by seeking to join the Senate's moderate New Democrat Coalition. So does Massachusetts Sen. Kerry. But some coalition members fret the high-profile senators will divert media attention from the group's policy goals.

In the narrowly divided House, the GOP may pick up the formal support of outspoken Democratic Ohio Rep. Traficant. He considers becoming an independent and voting with the Republicans. After Traficant backed GOP Rep. Hastert as speaker this week, Democrats voted not to give him committee posts.

If Traficant seeks GOP aid, "we'll definitely help him," a Hastert aide says.

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Make Way for Hillary

By PEGGY NOONAN

I return from 10 days away to find on the front page of every newspaper in America the official swearing-in of Hillary Clinton, Sen. Clinton, dressed in a pantsuit of robin's-egg blue, her right hand raised, a radiant smile upon her face. Moments later, Strom Thurmond rose and asked if he could hug her, which made everyone in the chamber chuckle.

And so it begins. And appropriately enough with what appears to be another of Mrs. Clinton's transformations. She appears to be in the middle of another metamorphosis. The last was of her outward appearance—there is almost no recognizing the Hillary of 1997 in the Hillary of the campaign trail three years later. But the latest transformation seems to be connected to personality, or even character—from full of presumption to lit by humility, from imperious to collegial, enraged to endearing. She no longer seems like the kind of person who, in Dick Morris's words, sets off the alarms when she walks past a bank.

Since her victory in November, gone has been the Hillary of the Angry Visage. As she breezes into parties and past the press, as she greets her new colleagues and makes sure other, lesser known freshmen get in the picture, she seems not at all like the strange and cunning lady who railed bitterly at the White House staff, got Billy Dale canned, attacked conservatives, maneuvered and misled.

This is a sudden change, and there are probably two kinds of people who can change so suddenly. The first is a person with a lot inside, a person of true depth who is capable of true growth, and who might be transformed by desire and commitment, by a hunger to be a better human being, and who might get the strength for this mighty work from religious conversion, or a serious and successful therapy.

The second kind of person might appear to change, and easily and quickly, not because he is so full but because he is so empty. If your inner self is essentially absent, or is only a bundle of desires and habitual responses to them, it's no great deal to change, or seem to. It's like turning a ship with an empty hull: It takes less strength. A change of course can be made quickly, with little strain, and more changes can follow.

Mrs. Clinton, of course, has a great deal to be happy about—a new kind of political power, an independent base, a bright future in her party, new wealth. Good fortune makes most of us smile, and perhaps it's only that.

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One of the things that is most amazing and impressive is how Mrs. Clinton continues to get politically like-minded individuals and groups to underwrite her career. The great institution of American publishing, for instance, which is, in general, po-

litically and culturally liberal, is giving her \$8 million for a book—which she reportedly demanded in a lump-sum advance. This shows that she truly is not a normal writer, and I say this meaning that she is different not only in that she cannot write.

The agreement looks for all the world as if she were being given money not *as* an advance, but *to* advance an agenda—her own. Or perhaps it is simply a shrewd investment. Mrs. Clinton will soon be in a position to smile or frown on the interests



Hillary Clinton

of the publisher's parent company, Viacom, a communications empire with much, always, at stake in Congress and before numerous government agencies. With the \$8 million, the publisher pays for her new Washington mansion, where the senator can function as a powerhouse fund-raiser for other candidates for national office, who

will, when they win, pledge their loyalty to her, and to Clintonism. When Hollywood shows the home of a senator in a movie, it's a McLean mansion, but most senators share apartments or have houses out of town. Mrs. Clinton's living arrangements will be truly extraordinary.

But what is important to note is that this is the left underwriting the left, not with the usual fellowships and grants and MacArthur "genius" awards, but underwriting Mrs. Clinton's daily concrete ability to proselytize for, and build, and institutionalize, her particular kind of leftism in America.

The publisher has suggested that the \$8 million advance is in lieu of the stratospheric sales that will be spurred by Mrs. Clinton's stunning revelations. This, they seem to be saying, will move millions of books. But they must know this is not true. Mrs. Clinton has been many things the past eight years, but forthcoming is surely not one of them; she has shown no tropism toward the truth, and in any case would be foolish to start telling it now. She is more like what was said of Nixon, that he doesn't think honesty is the best policy but he does think it's a policy. If she now tells the full truth about the scandals, from Travelgate to the Puerto Rican FALN terrorists, she will undermine her own past statements and insistences.

All she can do now is repeat with new words. Nor is she likely to tell the truth about her politics, which, again, she has not done in the past. She will continue to cloak, with words like "concern" and "compassion"—for those who bowl alone, for those who suffer from various diseases—her apparent desire for a maximum accrual of wealth and power to a government run by those whose higher understanding entitles them to run it. That

would be her, and her friends.

In the broadest sense, Mrs. Clinton, like Tony Blair, like every sophisticate in Europe and bureaucrat in Brussels, seems to be in pursuit of one world—of the end of nations, and the beginning of a world federation. This would make a bleaker world—more regimented, more uniform, more controlled by the values and desires of an elite, less free, less spacious.

But I don't imagine Mrs. Clinton will start talking about that, whatever the promptings of the person who ultimately writes the book, or those who publish it, whose motives are no doubt more immediate. Mrs. Clinton knows what the \$8 million is about, and what it can be used for, and will no doubt use it well.

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Laura Bush: Lady in inaugural red

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Reagan country is returning to Washington, when first lady-to-be Laura Bush dons Nancy Reagan's trademark color for her husband's inaugural ball.

On Jan. 20, she'll be draped in Reagan red and lots of it: red Chantilly lace, red silk satin and red rubies.

Designed by Dallas' aptly named Michael Faircloth, sketches of her body-conscious gown, along with the skirt suit and coat she'll wear for George W.'s swearing-in, made their debut in Thursday's *Women's Wear Daily*.

The columnar dress will feature demure décolletage and vine and floral Swarovski crystal beading.

"Mrs. Bush has beautiful clear blue eyes and such a marvelous complexion that she can wear almost any color," Faircloth says. But "she's absolutely stunning in red."

With the scarlet ball gown, buttoned-up Bush has come out of her conservative closet. It's significant because, historically, what a first lady chooses for the inauguration announces whether she's going to be a Jackie Kennedy — or a (pre-senator) Hillary Clinton.

"It would be highly unlikely for a first lady to do something wild and crazy, but this is a dress you would notice," says Bridget Foley, executive editor of *WWD*. "It's sexy, it's curvaceous."

"It's more 'shazam' and out there than what we've seen from her," says Valerie Steele, acting museum director at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology. "It's pretty Texas, with so much handwork and all this crystal embroidery."

The elaborate beading will require at least 100 hours and half a dozen hands orchestrated by Stella Ruatta, who hand-jeweled Nancy Reagan's gowns designed by James Galanos. Ruatta's mother, in fact, encrusted Judy Gar-

land's ruby slippers for *The Wizard of Oz*.

After two decades, the Republican patriotic troika is complete, points out Claudia Brush Kidwell, costume curator for the Smithsonian's first ladies exhibit. Threading together Reagan's sparkly white sheath, Barbara Bush's blue velvet and satin dropped-waist gown and, now, Laura Bush's scarlet spectacle, "we've got red, white and blue."

Republican tradition is woven into Bush's daywear as well. Steele calls the fitted blue wool coat trimmed in brown camel hair and topped with a hat "very Mrs. Nixon." But she dubs the asymmetric tunic top of Bush's peacock wool suit "more forward-looking."

Still, "be careful of that hat!" cautions fashion writing maven Carrie Donovan. "Remember how awful Hillary's was that first time and remember how wonderful she looked the second time" — sans chapeau.



Ball gown:
First lady
Laura Bush
will be re-
splendent in
red lace, silk,
satin, crystal
beading and
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This just in

More sizzle
on the shelf

Celebs tell all, hoping you'll buy it

By Ann Oldenburg
and Jocelyn McClurg
USA TODAY

Everybody's talking about **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and her \$8 million book deal. But the world will have to wait until 2003 to find out just how deeply the new U.S. senator dishes about her White House years.

In the meantime, the publishing industry will spin out plenty of celeb titles in 2001, including **Michael J. Fox's** memoirs, **David Blaine's** chilling life story, **Melissa Etheridge's** true confessions and **Britney Spears' foray** into fiction (oops!).

Even though celebrity books aren't guaranteed best sellers — "some of the fizz is out of celebrity literary champagne," says Random House vice president Stuart Applebaum — publishers still get starry-eyed when it comes to stars.

Last fall, books by popular singers **Celine Dion**, **Natalie Cole** and **Jewel** attracted media attention but didn't catch on with fans. Cole's *Angel on My Shoulder* didn't make USA TODAY's best-seller list, nor did **Jewel's** *Chasing Down the Dawn*, even though her 1998 poetry collection sold a phenomenal 700,000 copies. And **Celine Dion's**



By Lucy Nicholson, Agence France-Presse

Etheridge: Promises to divulge the truth in her book, due in June.

My Story, My Dream is reportedly gathering dust in warehouses across the USA.

Tina Sinatra's *My Father's Daughter* fared better, as did Sarah Bradford's book about **Jackie Kennedy, America's Queen**. But the real story in celeb books for 2000 was sports and politics. Richard Ben Cramer's biography of **Joe DiMaggio**, which came out in October, is still on best-seller lists. As is **Bill**



By Todd Pitts for USA TODAY

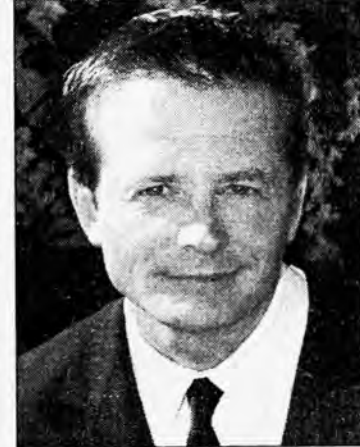
The ice man writeth: Magician David Blaine's life story, due in November, is among the celebrity memoirs to be published this year.

O'Reilly's *The O'Reilly Factor*, from the ranting Fox News Channel talk-show host.

"I think we're all being more selective" about celebrity books, says Carol Schneider, vice president of publicity for Random House. "We all got burned, and some of us

worse than others. I think it has to be someone who's had a life people are curious about. And people who are admired."

Michael J. Fox certainly fits that category, and Hyperion probably will have a smash hit on its hands when his *Lucky Man* comes out in



By Kevin Winter

Fox: His book is expected to do well; the money goes to charity.

September. The popular actor, who got \$4 million for the book, will talk about his battle with Parkinson's disease, and proceeds will go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Another memoir by an actor with a disability — *Still Me* by **Christopher Reeve** — was a big best seller in 1998.

Although **Marie Osmond's** bout with postpartum depression is no secret, Warner Books is expecting her book on the topic, *Behind the Smile*, to hit big in May.

"We're seeing a tremendous amount of interest," says Emi Battaglia, vice president and director of publicity. "Marie is coming out and talking about a topic that a lot of people don't necessarily feel comfortable talking about."

And while Welsh singing sensation **Charlotte Church** is only 14, she's already a global superstar. Her book, *Voice of an Angel: My Life (So Far)*, is due from Warner in April.

"She has an extraordinary talent, and it's the story of how you can cope with what is staggering worldwide fame," Battaglia says.

Some other books due this year:

► *I'd Rather Laugh: How to be Happy Even When Life Has Other Plans for You*, self-help from Mike Myers' mother-in-law, **Linda Richman**, foreword by **Rosie O'Donnell** (Warner, \$23.95, just published).

► *The Other Great Depression*, comedian **Richard Lewis'** chronicle of his battle with alcoholism (Public Affairs, \$23, just published).

► *Reinventing Yourself With the Duchess of York*, new Weight Watchers motivational book by **Sarah Ferguson** (Simon & Schuster, this month).

► *Shaq Talks Back*, in which the L.A. Lakers' **Shaquille O'Neal** has his say (St. Martin's Press, April).

► *Napalm and Silly Putty*, humor from **George Carlin** (Hyperion, April).

► *Fame: Ain't It a Bitch, E!* host **A.J. Benza's** memoirs about his days as a New York gossip columnist (Talk/Miramax, May).

► **Britney Spears'** first novel, still untitled (with her mother as co-author), for young-adult readers (Delacorte, April).

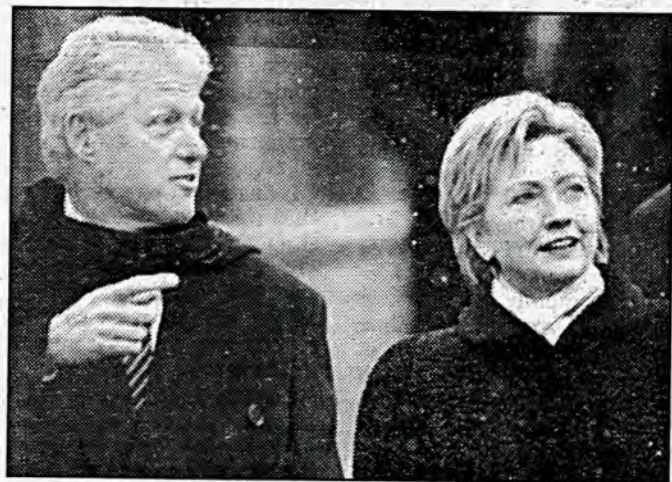
► *The Truth Is ... My Life in Love and Music*, a tell-all by rocker **Melissa Etheridge** (Villard, June).

► *Patti's Pearls*, inspirational words by singer **Patti LaBelle** (Warner Books, October).

► *Cosbyology*, musings by **Bill Cosby** (Hyperion, November).

► *Boy Genius*, memoirs of **Partridge Family** star **Danny Bonaduce** (Hyperion, November).

► *Mysterious Stranger*, the story behind the illusions of magician **David Blaine** (Villard, November).



PAYING RESPECTS: President Clinton joins wife Hillary in Syracuse yesterday for the funeral of the father of pal and fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe. AP

Clintons upstate to mourn pal

By RITA DELFINER

Newly minted Sen. Hillary Clinton yesterday made her first trip back to the state after her swearing-in, to attend a funeral for a friend's dad with her husband, the president.

President Clinton and the first lady/senator paid their respects at services in Syracuse for Jack McAuliffe, 83, father of Democratic fund-raiser and presidential pal Terry McAuliffe, who died Sunday.

McAuliffe said that somewhere his dad, who put up yard signs for Hillary Clinton during her Senate race, "is now actually holding up his glass in a toast to our new senator."

Jack McAuliffe had been treasurer of the Onondaga County Democratic Party for a decade.

"Hillary and I are here because we really like Jack McAuliffe," Clinton said.

Hillary Clinton was sworn in as New York's junior senator on Wednesday.

State Dems & GOP took cap-ital pains to beat regulation\$

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

State Republicans and Democrats spent a combined \$9 million on "issues" advertising and polling during last year's Senate race — effectively circumventing a federal spending cap in the campaign.

A Post examination of campaign records found that the state Democratic Party

— in conjunction with Washington Democrats — spent \$5.5 million on advertising, printing, phone banks, polling and mailings in the final two months of the Senate race between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio.

State Republicans allocated \$3.14 million in soft money on similar get-out-the-vote and "party-building" efforts.

Under federal law, state and national parties in New York last year were allowed to spend up to \$1.85 million to directly help a Senate candidate.

The Post reported yesterday that the two state parties spent a combined \$3.23 million directly on behalf of Clinton and Lazio.

Campaign-finance reform advocates charged that both parties — while acting le-

gally — skirted the cap by spending millions on other mailings and ads that didn't directly mention Clinton or Lazio by name.

"The federal laws are completely flouted by spending like this," said Peter Eisner, the managing director of the Center for Public Integrity, a good-government group.

"This spending is all about helping get somebody elected

with some tiptoeing niceties to give it the appearance of legality," Eisner said.

Some of the biggest beneficiaries of the parties' soft-money spending spree were political consultants and pollsters.

Longtime GOP media guru Arthur Finkelstein was paid \$31,000 in October for a statewide survey for the state party while Democratic adman David Axelrod was paid \$281,000 in the campaign's final months.

Clinton pollster Mark Penn received \$64,000 from state Democrats while pollster Peter Hart was paid \$105,000 in September and October.

Swimming in money, state Democrats also allocated \$800,000 in soft money to other state parties across the country.



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Cold War Redux?

Thought the Cold War was over?
Think again.

Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has been goading the West for months, and new reports — which first appeared this week in The Washington Times — suggest the provocations may be verging on nuclear.

Literally.

The reports are based on U.S. intelligence assessments — and they prompt chilly memories of the Evil Empire for more than a few people.

Starting with those in Warsaw and the Baltic states.

According to the reports, Moscow is secretly deploying tactical nuclear weapons in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, in range of Poland and Lithuania — and in violation of Russian pledges to keep the area nuclear-free.

Moscow denies it.

But Latvia wants confirmation, and Poland yesterday called for an international inspection of arms in the enclave.

Washington, too, is concerned.

"If the Russians have placed tactical nuclear weapons in Kaliningrad, it would violate their pledge . . . that the Baltics should be nuclear-free," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. He added that Washington would take up the matter with Russian officials.

Rep. Ben Gilman (R-N.Y.) went further, saying a transfer of nuclear weapons would be "an alarming development

that threatens the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe."

No kidding.

The weapons are believed to have limited military value.

But the symbolism isn't lost on anyone.

But, now, wait a minute: Officials say the administration learned of the reports back in June. So why are the Clinton folks first raising the matter now?

Yes, there was an election in between. But would Team Clinton have sought to put off the issue so as not to cause a public rift with Moscow and damage Al Gore's and Hillary Clinton's prospects for victory at the polls?

It's hard to fathom even the Clinton folks would go that far — but it sure is a scary thought.

Meanwhile, Putin has cozied up to Fidel Castro, sent warplanes to buzz a U.S. aircraft carrier, restored the Soviet national anthem and cracked down on the press.

Shades of the Cold War?

You'd better believe it.

Which is why it's nice to see diplomatically mature figures such as Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney heading to Washington.

A new Cold War may or may not be brewing.

But in places like the Baltics, the temperature sure seems to be dropping altogether too fast.

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THE NATION

Medicaid Expanded for Breast, Cervical Cancer

By ROBERT A. ROSENBLATT
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON—President Clinton called on the states Thursday to make rapid use of a major expansion of Medicaid to pay full treatment costs for thousands of uninsured women with breast or cervical cancer, the first time such coverage has been offered.

The new program, created by Congress in October, covers the expenses of patients with these diseases whose incomes are too high to meet the traditional guidelines of Medicaid, the federal-state health coverage program for the poor.

Uninsured patients with incomes up to 250% of the federal poverty line—about \$35,000 a year for a family of three—would be eligible to have the government pay for all medical expenses in connection with the cancers. Such costs as surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and any follow-up care and medications would be covered.

In addition, the cancer must have been detected through the free screening programs operated by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through health centers, clinics and hospitals.

More than 1.5 million women have had the screenings since the program began in 1990, receiving free mammograms to check for breast cancer and free Pap smears to detect cervical cancer.

Because the program offered detection without treatment, experts believe that many women skipped the chance to get the test because they feared that they would be unable to pay for treatment if they learned they had cancer.

"It was a flawed policy," said Fran Visco, president of the Na-

tional Breast Cancer Coalition, who helped lead a successful lobbying effort on the issue. Visco received a standing ovation Thursday at a White House ceremony announcing efforts to speed up implementation of the policy.

Payments of bills will be financed through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Act, which won bipartisan approval in Congress.

Clinton thanked the audience of about 200 for their work on the issue and said that the states should begin work immediately to provide the coverage. Usually, the process of writing regulations by the federal government and the states is a lengthy and detailed procedure.

The federal government issued special guidelines to the states Thursday, asking them to prepare their plans "as quickly as possible."

"We need to move on this in a hurry," Clinton told the enthusiastic audience, which gave him and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a standing ovation. "Doctors and hospitals can start treatment immediately" for cancer patients if the states act quickly.

The president thanked the audience and his wife, who worked throughout the eight years of his administration to get more help for cancer treatment and research.

"I'd also like to thank Sen. Clinton," the president said, laughing. "God, what a kick. . . . This is the first time I've gotten to say this," he said of his wife, who was sworn in Wednesday as a Democratic senator from New York.

The president was introduced by Tonia Conine, an Oklahoma resident who had breast cancer detected through a CDC screening in March. She said that the new law means "no woman will ever have to suffer through my experience."



President Clinton hugs breast cancer survivor Tonia Conine, who spoke at the event announcing the Medicaid expansion.

She has no health insurance and was fortunate to have a doctor who performed her surgery free. "I am so thankful that my doctor made sure I got the care that I needed. There is no question that he did save my life."

But she still has follow-up bills for chemotherapy and medication, expenses that have reached \$9,000, she said in an interview after the ceremony. Other women in Conine's situation—whose incomes are too high to qualify for the regular Medicaid program but too low to allow them to afford conventional health insurance—will be fully protected against the financial devastation that can be wrought by breast or cervical cancer.

The president also announced that the federal government will give its 1.8 million workers four

hours of paid leave each year go for health screening tests.

"This is an important step everyone, and particularly women," Clinton said. "To take just one example, for women ages 50 to 69, regular mammograms reduce the risk of death by breast cancer by 30%. . . . I hope this will spur other employers to take similar actions."

In California, the treatment and financing program will be handled by the Department of Health Services, which operates Medi-Cal, the state's version of the federal Medicaid program.

Information about the Clinton free medical screening program is available at www.cdc.gov/cancer or, in California, by calling (800) 511-2300.

MONA CHAREN

Somehow the word greed never seems to get attached to Democrats. When Ronald Reagan was in the White House, we had seven years of record economic growth. The libs dubbed it the Decade of Greed (though charitable giving was much greater then than during the Clinton years).

But when Bill Clinton presided over an economic boom, we heard scarcely a murmur about wretched excess, nor about the plight of those left out of the general prosperity. When the Reagans entertained friends at the White House, there were disapproving references to the furs and limos favored by the guests. When the Clintons have entertained their equally well-heeled (if tackier) friends, we get only appreciative notices about who wore what.

Nor does the word greed seem to get attached to liberals personally. Newt Gingrich accepted a \$4.5 million book deal after being elected speaker of the house and was universally denounced for cashing in. (In the face of noisy criticism, Mr. Gingrich backed down and took no advance.) But Hillary Clinton pockets a cool \$8 million to tell how it really felt to discover that her adored mate was less than 100 percent faithful, and no one is particularly troubled.

Well, almost no one. A watchdog group, the Congressional Accountability Project, said, "This book contract, with its uniquely lavish advance for an elected official, may be, in fact, a way for that corporation to place money into your pockets, perhaps to curry favor with you."

Imagine. And the Clintons such sticklers for propriety. Still, there is zero chance that Mrs. No Special Prosecutor will do a Gingrich and bow to pressure. That's not the Clinton way. "We'll just have to win" is their motto. Besides, the People's Liberation Army won't fork over once Bill is retired. And all the important secrets have been sold, anyway. Just don't say they are greedy.

The Clintons have always enjoyed living the high life themselves while simultaneously denouncing it in others. Back in 1992, they announced a tax increase for "the rich," i.e. those who had made out like bandits in the boom years of the 1980s. But of course no one made out better than Bill and

When greed is good



Hillary. With Bill in the governor's mansion, Hillary was able to sell legal services for a tidy profit, as well as enjoy a remarkable run of luck on the cattle futures market. The couple even went in for a bit of S&L raiding — which would haunt them. (It is niggling to point out that many of those on whom the Clintons imposed higher taxes in the 90s had not made a dime in 1980s — some were students, others had suffered reverses during the Reagan years.)

When they purchased the house in Chappaqua, none of the chattering types pointed out that rather than accepting a \$1.36 million gift from Democratic fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe, the first couple might simply have sought something more modest — something more within their means. After all, they never even expected to live there. But though you should never say they are greedy, even their unliv-in house must be of a certain style.

While the Clintons are with one hand soliciting donations from wealthy friends to defray their \$4 million in legal fees, they are nonetheless prepared for nothing less than the finest in D.C. real estate. Before settling on the \$2.85 million house near Observatory

Circle, the Clintons had looked at the \$4.3 million Georgetown home once occupied by Jackie Kennedy's mother (will they never grow out of this Kennedy fixation?).

So the Chappaqua house will be the "official residence" but they will really live in Washington, hard by the embassies and billionaires' homes. Mrs. Clinton will officially be the junior senator from New York, but she will really be planning her own run for the presidency.

And according to the irrepressible Maureen Dowd, columnist for the New York Times, Mrs. Clinton has not discouraged friends from helping her to furnish her new homes in the style for which Republicans are uniformly condemned. She likes to shop at Borsheim's Fine Jewelry and Gifts in Omaha, and according to Miss Dowd, her china and silver patterns are on the registry list there for those who wish to help out the new homeowner. A Spode soup tureen goes for \$2,340; the lobster forks for only \$248 each.

Just don't call them greedy.

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Laura Bush Designates Keepers of Her Calendar

By IRVIN MOLOTSKY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 — Having completed the cabinet, the Bush administration got around today to the appointment that Washington's diplomatic and social communities have really been waiting for:

Catherine S. Fenton was picked by Laura Bush as the White House social secretary.

And she was among three top appointments to Mrs. Bush's staff announced today. Andrea Ball, who is now Mrs. Bush's chief of staff in Texas, will take that position in Washington. And Noelia Rodriguez, a deputy mayor of Los Angeles, will become Mrs. Bush's press secretary.

Of the three, Ms. Fenton has the longest Washington track record.

"She knows how to do a state dinner," said Ann Stock, who was social secretary for almost five years in the Clinton administration. "It's not new to her."

It is not new because Ms. Fenton served in the White House as deputy social secretary for Nancy Reagan and Barbara Bush.

Ms. Fenton will have a lot to say about who gets invited to dinner at the White House, which is a matter of importance to members of the administration and Congress, the diplomatic corps, Washington society and, Ms. Stock said, ordinary Americans.

"Every single person in the world would love to have an invitation to the White House," said Ms. Stock, who is now vice president for institutional affairs at the Kennedy Center. "This is not about Bill Clinton or George Bush. It is about the White House."

Ms. Fenton agreed.

"An invitation to the White House is unique and stays with them forever," she said. "It does rise above politics. I will aspire to maintain that uniqueness and make everyone feel as special as the invitation itself."

It is through her entertaining that a first lady can set the tone for an administration, and the social secretary pushes many of the levers. Jacqueline Kennedy brought elegance and classical music to the White House, and Mrs. Reagan reinstituted some of the glamour. Hillary Rodham Clinton brought in a Hollywood contingent and a wide cross-section of American society.

Ms. Fenton also has an odd

connection to the Clinton White House. After Bill Clinton became president, some of his appointees improperly gathered F.B.I. background files on Reagan and Bush officials. Among the several hundred people whose records were sought, The Washington Times reported in 1996, was Ms. Fenton.

Ms. Fenton said she had no idea why anyone in the White House would have wanted to see her file. "I guess I was early-on in the alphabet," she said.

Ms. Fenton, whose 47th birthday is Tuesday, is a 1976 graduate of the University of Vermont and lives in Skillman, N.J., with her husband, Timothy, and their 6-year-old son, Nicholas.

After working in the White House, Ms. Fenton was social secretary to the Japanese ambassador here from 1992 to 1995.

Ms. Ball, the chief of staff to Mrs. Bush in her role as first lady

Selecting staff members who set the White House tone.

of Texas, held a similar position during the presidential campaign.

Ms. Rodriguez was the chief executive officer of the host committee for the Democratic convention in Los Angeles. She served in the administration of Mayor Richard J. Riordan for four years, first as press secretary and then as deputy mayor.

Although Lynne Cheney, the wife of Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, has yet to announce her staff, a prominent Republican involved in the transition said that she had already chosen that team and that three of the primary women on it were returning to work after time away as stay-at-home mothers.

Deborah Dunn, who ran the White House visitors' office during the first Bush administration, will be Mrs. Cheney's chief of staff, the official said, adding that Laura Farish-Chadwick would be Mrs. Cheney's personal assistant and Lee Berman would be social secretary.

The New York Times

In Annual Address, Giuliani Pins His Legacy on Education Proposals

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

Pacing in front of a backdrop of glittering Manhattan skyscrapers that made New York City look like Oz, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani delivered a speech on the state of the city last night that was both an attempt to soften his sharp edges and set a political legacy for what will be the first year of the rest of his life.

Mr. Giuliani, who spoke without notes for nearly two hours to lawmakers in the ornate City Council chamber, made his most extensive proposals in education, calling for an extension of the school week to Saturday and Sunday for tens of thousands of students who need extra help in science and English.

He also called for the expansion of summer school to 50,000 more students, suspension centers at every school for problem students, the immediate construction of 12 new schools, and libraries in each of 21,000 classrooms for kindergarten through eighth grade.

He said his proposals, including the sale of the Board of Education headquarters, were only "patching up" what he called a broken system, adding, "I would not be telling you honestly what's in my heart if I told you anything other than that."

But in unusually conciliatory remarks free of the bravado, wisecracks and sarcasm of last year's speech, Mr. Giuliani resisted saying that the school system should be "blown up," as he has in the past, and that the mayor should run it. Instead he cast his old and sometimes angry argument for mayoral control of the schools in human terms.

"The New York City public school system used to be the ladder out of poverty," Mr. Giuliani said, calling it a long-ago savior for "a poor child whose parents didn't speak English very often or spoke very poor English, or maybe never read a book and had no education themselves."

He added: "It used to be the way that the child could step on the ladder and start climbing up and literally achieve the American dream, which is you rise to the level of your talent.



Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani got a standing ovation before he delivered his annual address to the City Council last night. He called for school sessions on weekends for tens of thousands of students who need extra help.

But you need education to do that. We are failing the children of New York City today. Not all of them, but too many of them."

Mr. Giuliani also announced plans to spend \$600 million more on low- and middle-income housing in the next four years, an intensified sweep to track down the 26,000 people wanted in New York City for felonies from car theft to murder, and greater efforts to sign up the poor for government health insurance in Health Stat, a program the mayor created last year. As part of Health Stat, Mr. Giuliani said, any school that signed up 70 percent of eligible students would receive a \$25,000 bonus. A school that signed up 100 percent of eligible students would receive \$50,000.

The mayor, who is in his eighth

and last year in office, forbidden to run this fall because of term limits, spoke to a Council chamber packed with the political, business and cultural leaders of the city. Among them were Beverly Sills, the chairwoman of Lincoln Center, and Preston Robert Tisch, the co-chairman of the Loews Corporation and the co-owner of the New York Giants.

In the front row, Mr. Giuliani placed past and present aides who make up his inner circle: Raymond B. Harding, Peter Powers, Cristyne Lategano-Nicholas, Bruce Teitelbaum, Randy M. Mastro and Richard Schwartz.

In the second row, escorted in at 5 p.m., a few moments before the speech began, was the mayor's close friend, Judith Nathan.

The speech, an annual address to

the City Council that Mr. Giuliani has always used to set an agenda and promote what he considers his accomplishments before a room of supporters and television cameras, was the longest of its kind in eight years.

But not even half an hour into it, Mr. Giuliani was mopping his brow with a handkerchief. "This comes from hormones," he said, referring to the hormone treatments he is undergoing for prostate cancer, and which he has said give him hot flashes.

"The other question is, can I get through the entire speech in an hour? Or an hour and a half?"

As it turned out, he could not, and so he cut the part of the speech in which he had been expected to make another assault on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, a

favorite target in recent weeks, for what Mr. Giuliani has termed its sluggishness in removing snow from the runways of Kennedy International Airport.

The Port Authority was so prepared for a mayoral attack that officials there had provided reporters earlier in the day with irritated responses to the mayor's anticipated criticism. Sunny Mindel, the mayor's spokeswoman, promised that the mayor would take on the Port Authority today.

The speech provided a day of pageantry at City Hall, as hundreds of supporters crowded up the grand staircase toward the Council chamber and the mayor strode in to sustained applause.

"O.K., ladies and gentlemen, you are part of history today, the last state of the city," said the City Council speaker, Peter F. Vallone, introducing the mayor. But Mr. Giuliani, who last year not only found he had cancer but also dropped out of the Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton and ended his second marriage, was far more subdued than he had been. But he also appeared more gracious, and pointedly asked for help from many of the same people with whom he had fought so bitterly in the last seven years.

"I don't believe that I accomplish any of this on my own," Mr. Giuliani said. "I push it, I am a cheerleader for it, sometimes I'm an organizer of it, but I need, I need your help. I need the help of all these people here that work in my administration. I need the help of my deputy mayors and the chancellor. I need the help of the City Council and all of you who are in government."

Democrats and many of the city leaders with whom the mayor has traditionally tangled generally praised his speech. "In terms of tone, this was clearly a kinder, gentler mayor," said Randi Weingarten, the president of the teachers' union, who noted that if Mr. Giuliani had not praised the city's teachers, he at least had not derided them, as he did in last year's speech.

NEW ERA DAWNING

Bush: It's too early to pardon the prez

President-elect Bush yesterday rejected calls for a quickie pardon for President Clinton, saying it "doesn't make any sense" to do it before seeing if Clinton gets indicted.

But Bush — in his most direct comments on a pardon for Clinton's sex-and-lies affair with Monica Lewinsky — added that he'd like to "get all this business behind us" and let Clinton "move on and enjoy life."

Bush's rejection of an instant pardon came amid some tensions between the incoming and outgoing presidents.

By Deborah Orin in Austin, Texas, and Marilyn Rauber in Washington

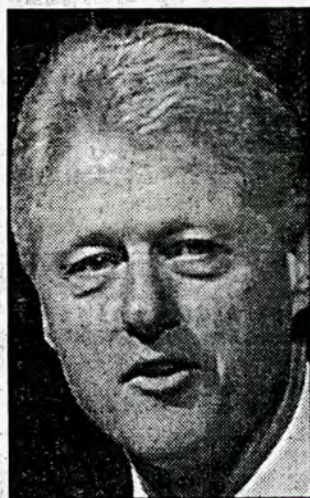
Yesterday, Clinton, in a speech to anti-Bush union officials, chortled over the flap over Bush's pick for labor secretary, Linda Chavez, who gave "spending money" to an illegal Guatemalan who lived in her home and helped clean.

"I have all these jokes I want to tell, and my staff told me I could not tell any of them," Clinton said in a speech to the AFL-CIO.

"They say I have to assume the appropriate role for a former president, and I cannot say any of the things that I want to say which would leave you howling in the aisle."

But Clinton wasn't laughing in the 1993 "Nannygate" furor, when two of his picks for attorney general, Zoe Baird and New York Judge Kimba Wood, were forced to drop out for hiring illegal aliens.

Clinton, who lamented his "has-been" status just 12 days before Bush replaces him, said his Chavez jokes would have been "the only thing that



BILL CLINTON

Self-censoring his jokes.

could get me a headline in my increasing irrelevancy."

He also warned the next four years won't be easy for labor with Bush and Chavez at the helm — and he thanked the unions for helping wife Hillary win her New York Senate seat, insisting "it wouldn't have happened" without them.

Bush was quizzed on the pardon issue after the Senate Judiciary Committee's top Republican, Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), suggested Bush issue a preemptive pardon to end the Sexgate era.

"The suggestion that I would pardon somebody who has never been indicted — it doesn't make any sense to me, frankly," Bush told reporters in Austin.

Asked if he might issue one anyway, he replied, "No."

Bush didn't say what he'd do if Clinton does get indicted for lying under oath about his fling with Lewinsky, but aides have said he'd take Clinton at his word that he doesn't want a pardon.

Many believe President Ford's 1974 pardon of Richard Nixon without waiting to see if he would be indicted over Watergate cost Ford the 1976 presidential race.

Bush said it was time to "allow the president to finish his term and let him move on and enjoy life... I think we've had enough focus on the past. It's time to move forward."

HILL: IT'S BETWEEN DEM GUYS



BURYING THE HATCHET: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton meets with Gov. Pataki yesterday in Albany, hoping to "work together" after a contentious election season.

Alan Solomon

The ghost and Mrs. Clinton: Who'll it be?

Hillary Clinton will do a lot of reading before she decides who'll ghost-write her upcoming memoir.

Simon & Schuster, which has inked an \$8 million book deal with the soon-to-be-former First Lady, has sent Clinton books by several possible collaborators.

Among those said to be on Clinton's reading list:

■ William Novak, a veteran author who ghosted Lee Iacocca's memoir.

■ Linda Bird Franke, who specializes in books about Democratic women, including Geraldine Fer-

raro and Rosalyn Carter.

■ Lucy Greal, author of "Autobiography of a Face," a well-reviewed book about her own fight with bone cancer in her jaw.

■ Jane Scovell, who worked on Kitty Dukakis' bio.

■ Sally Jenkins, who wrote cycling star Lance Armstrong's biography.

■ Linda Muscatine, a Clinton aide and former Washington Post reporter.

Keith J. Kelly and Bill Sanderson

Won't back McCall in a gov primary

ALBANY — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said yesterday she would remain neutral in a Democratic gubernatorial primary — a possible blow to state Comptroller Carl McCall.

"I'm a good Democrat," Clinton said. "I believe that if we have a primary for any position, it's important to be supportive of those who are running in the primary, but not to take sides."

"I want to emerge from any primary with the strongest possible candidate."

McCall has been working hard to line up top Democrats as he prepares for a possibly bruising primary against U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

Like McCall, Cuomo — son of former Gov. Mario Cuomo — has raised the possibility of running, in hopes of taking on Republican Gov. Pataki, who likely will seek a third term.

McCall, who met with Clinton for 20 minutes yesterday during her trip to Albany, said last week he was honing for her sun-

But McCall spokesman Steve Greenberg said he was not surprised Clinton was not taking sides.

"We feel gratified by the support the comptroller has received over the years from the president and Sen. Clinton," Greenberg said.

But Rep. Charles Rangel, a McCall supporter, was concerned enough about the comments to say top Democrats, including Clinton, do not expect a gubernatorial primary.

On her first trip upstate since being sworn in last week, Clinton spent yesterday meeting with some of the state's most prominent officials, including McCall, Pataki, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority

By KENNETH LOVETT
Post Correspondent

Leader Joseph Bruno.

Pataki, who skewered Clinton as a carpetbagger during the campaign, yesterday laughed off the comments after meeting with New York's junior

"I'm looking forward to the senator's term," said Pataki, the sole statewide elected Republican. "We're going to do a lot of good things together for the people of New York."

Standing side-by-side and smiling, the two said they discussed everything from ways to increase New York's share of Medicaid funding to ideas on jump-starting the upstate economy.

Clinton said she was buoyed by some of the ideas in Pataki's State of the State address last week, saying they "mirrored" the agenda she presented on the campaign trail.

"It's going to be important for all of us to work together," Clinton said.

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Historic moments open

Cooperation vows can't hide tension

By William M. Welch
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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The 107th Congress opened Wednesday in history-making fashion with ceremonies and celebrations that only thinly masked the raw political tensions in the most closely divided Congress in modern times.

The Senate, divided 50-50 between Democrats and Republicans for the first time, remained at odds over how power will be shared. With Vice President Gore presiding for 17 days, Democrats have the majority; then Vice President-elect Cheney arrives with President-elect Bush, and the GOP takes over.

"This is a historic day," Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said after being recognized as the temporary majority leader. "Never before in the history of our nation have we had a 50-50 Senate. ... Let us resolve we will work in good faith together to do the people's business."

In the House, with a 221-211 Republican edge that's the closest in 46 years, the bipartisan spirit melted almost as soon as the oath of office had been administered. Republicans pushed through new rules that ignored Democrats' demands to increase their representation on House committees.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., a former high school wrestling coach who has quietly united a fractious Republican caucus, was re-elected to a second term as speaker. He asked Democrats to work with Republicans on improving education, modernizing Medicare, strengthening Social Security, building a



By Emille Sommer, USA TODAY

Returning speaker of the House: Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., acknowledges his family Wednesday in the Capitol after being re-elected.

missile-defense system and reducing taxes.

"Now that the campaign is over, save some energy to work with me," Hastert said. Asking for an end to the bitterness of the campaign season, he added, "My friends, we need to get over it."

The most historic moment came when Gore swore in first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the new junior senator from New York, while President Clinton watched from the visitors gallery. But there were other momentous moments:

► Democrat Jean Carnahan was sworn in as the new senator from Missouri. She was appointed to replace her husband, Gov. Mel Carna-

han, who won election despite his death three weeks earlier in a plane crash. The man she beat, former senator John Ashcroft, has been nominated by Bush to be attorney general.

"I have just gone through a bittersweet moment," Carnahan said. "I thought how much my husband would love to have done this. ... I'm going to try to make this a new phase of my life."

► Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, switched sides to vote for Hastert's re-election as speaker and was promptly told he will be expelled from the Democratic caucus. Traficant, a maverick who has said he expects to be indicted on corrup-



By Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

President is "so proud": Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., leads her family onto the Senate floor for her ceremonial swearing-in photograph.

Sen. Clinton reports for work

By Kathy Kiely
USA TODAY

Colleagues welcome her with big hug, small office

WASHINGTON — President Clinton officially became a political spouse Wednesday as first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton took her seat in the U.S. Senate.

The first lady's historic odyssey from presidential helpmate to New York lawmaker culminated with a festive role reversal: She joined the 107th Congress in opening-day ceremonies while her husband assumed the role of silent bystander.

Perched in the front row of the spectators gallery with daughter Chelsea, mother-in-law Dorothy Rodham and 6-year-old nephew Tyler Clinton, the president grinned from ear to ear and seemed barely able to contain his emotions. He craned his neck over the marble balcony to watch his wife sworn into the exclusive club that once put him on trial for impeachment.

The nation's most-watched marriage was a picture of mutual admiration. As his wife completed her oath, the president, who sported a "Hillary" campaign pin on his lapel, exploded out of his seat to applaud, pausing only to wipe tears from the corner of his eye.

"He is so proud of her, he is just busting the buttons on his shirt," said retired Arkansas senator Dale Bumpers, a longtime friend.

Eye-catching in a shimmering turquoise pantsuit that matched her husband's tie, New York's junior senator received a steady stream of visitors at her desk in the back of the Senate chamber. On a ceremonial day marked by exaggerated expressions of courtesy and elaborate shows of good fellowship, Clinton received welcomes and congratulations from

several senators who voted to oust her husband from office.

"I was just in awe of being in the chamber," Clinton said afterward, taking a brief pause from a day-long whirl of socializing to speak to a press corps larger than any freshman senator has ever attracted. "I can't wait to get to work."

There are challenges ahead for Clinton as the feminist trailblazer tries to adjust to life in a Senate chamber that features brass spittoons, among other antiques.

"Can I hug you?" demanded Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., as the just-sworn-in New York senator stepped down from the rostrum where Vice President Gore had administered her oath. The 98-year-old Thurmond proceeded to clasp the first lady in a tight squeeze as the room erupted in laughter.

"That was a Strom moment," Clinton said. "He's just a remarkable human being. There's no other way to describe it."

Clinton, who got a lift to the Senate in the presidential motorcade Wednesday, is getting little special treatment on Capitol Hill. As with five other freshman senators at the bottom of the seniority ladder, she has been assigned a windowless basement office in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. She will occupy those cramped quarters until she gets more permanent ones, which could take several months.

But Clinton probably won't begin working in her Senate office for a few more weeks. She still has space in the White House until Jan. 20.

There was one concession to the New York senator's celebrity. After the group swearing-in ceremony in the Senate chamber, the Clintons were moved to the front of the line of senators waiting to take individual re-enactment photos with their families and Gore. Officials said it was because of Secret Service concerns for the president's security.

Inside the plush, red-velvet-draped chamber, Gore posed the first lady and his boss with relatives. Instead of the usual two pictures, the vice president recommended a third. "Let's turn this way," Gore suggested, aiming the Clintons at a gallery packed with news photographers. "We've had a special request."

Clinton is acutely distressed by press coverage that most of her colleagues would kill to get.

"She understands that an awful lot of people are going to be resentful of the attention she's getting," Bumpers said.

In her first official meeting with her Democratic Senate colleagues last month, Clinton "apologized for all the press that's going to be following her," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "She is right to keep a lower profile and do her homework," added Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Other colleagues say Clinton shouldn't try to fight her own celebrity. "That's like asking Willie Mays to strike out," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the deputy Democratic leader.

That's also the view from the Big

Apple. "A person who has celebrity but no substance is in deep stuff, but that's not the case with her, so it's a plus," said former New York City mayor David Dinkins, one of scores of big-name guests who stopped by a party for Clinton after her swearing-in.

It was just one of a marathon of celebrations held for the celebrity senator. In the evening, Clinton was fêted at a party thrown by Walter Kaye, a New York insurance executive and generous Democratic contributor. There was an irony in the honor: It was Kaye who intervened to obtain a White House job for Monica Lewinsky, the intern whose liaison with the president led to his impeachment trial.

The party Clinton threw for herself after the swearing-in ceremony was Capitol Hill's largest. It attracted a throng of fellow senators and longtime White House staffers.

The president did not stay for the party but lingered in the hallways of the Capitol, gladhanding.

"I'll be in New York more than you are," the president told his wife's new colleague, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. The Clintons, who bought a \$2.7 million house in Washington last week, intend to live most of the time at the house they purchased in Chappaqua, N.Y., when the first lady launched her Senate campaign.

One of her guests, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, insisted that it's not a loss for Arkansas, the state where the president launched his political career and served as governor for more than a decade.

Slater said the first lady's New York triumph is a plus for the state where he and the president were born. "Now," he grinned, "Arkansas has three senators."

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BY SUSAN BIDDLE—THE WASHINGTON POST

Multi-Party System



BY LOIS RAIMONDO—THE WASHINGTON POST

Virginia Sen. George Allen greets admirers; top, Nevada Sen. John Ensign's son Michael enjoys the hors d'oeuvres.

By HANK STUEVER
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Bruschetta nation! Let us now, as Americans, set aside this destructive partisanship for the promise of Democratic cheese cubes. Or Republican egg rolls, stacked in chafing dishes. Right hands raised to a higher power, a new crop of public servants was duly sworn this way and that yesterday on Capitol Hill, right in the middle of lunchtime.

The senators immediately dashed off for the traditional "reenactment" of their oath one by one with Vice President Gore. (Whatever *that's* about. Historic photo or yes, but the conspiracy theorist in you wonders if there isn't some kind of secret oath going on there, ya know? Is this good government—making the very first act or of falsehood?) The only thing left for the rest of us to do is get in there elbow-to-elbow with the constituents (hordes of them) and make a grab for free food and drinks at the various Senate receptions that follow.

With each swearing-in comes the perfunctory after-party: Imagine a kind of dullish, perfunctory office Christmas party crossed with a Phi Beta Kappa cocktail, a icy tub of Michelob Lights ready before noon.

Most of the rookie class chose to have events catered in or near their Senate offices (a committee room semicircular

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panel table makes a nice bar for the elderly and restless children who don't want to be in their Sunday clothes). There were predictable spreads of cheap wine, sodas, veggie spears, the aforementioned ubiquitous bruschetta hors d'oeuvres, chicken on skewers, cutesy sandwich rectangles of mysterious center-creaminess.

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"Here come the Marines," the older woman says, snatching back her menu and returning to her table. True enough: The jazz combo stops playing "The Days of Wine and Roses" as Corzine is preceded by a Marine color guard carrying flags. On the senator's entrance, there is exultation from a gospel choir, wearing gold robes and perched on a balcony above the party. They start singing "Oh Happy Day." Everyone claps and dances along as Corzine takes the stage. He looks like the happiest man alive.

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BY RICH LIPSKI—THE WASHINGTON POST

At the Mayflower Hotel, Chelsea Clinton, Dorothy Rodham and the president and first lady celebrate Mrs. Clinton's swearing-in.

sliced under one of those bright heat lamps. (Kennedy's far from new, but anything for a party.)

"We couldn't get in there," said a man in the hallway, waiting instead to make his way into the party for Thomas Carper, the former governor of Delaware, and new Democratic senator. (It's nice to know

someone else is just making his way from party to party, one Ritz cracker at a time.)

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ing with the Let's Forget the Whole Election Mess theme of yesterday's welcoming of the 107th Congress—at least it felt more real.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's post-swearing party at the Dirksen Building came and went with a lot of commotion, and far more constrictive ways of keeping out the riffraff. (Twenty police officers is a good start.) Clinton later had a larger party at the Mayflower Hotel (the post-Corzine Mayflower, with just enough time for the busboys to shoo out the New Jersey bunch for the A-list Democrats) before being

whisked off to yet another private party at the Georgetown home of Democratic contributors Smith and Elizabeth Bagley.

At the Mayflower party, there were 800 to 1,000 people, but many of them drifted away before the perennially late first family finally arrived around 9 p.m. Some milled about wearing "Hillary" buttons, which were needed to get past the metal detectors and loads of Secret Service agents.

In a way it felt like the last of the '90s. There were really smart young women, interesting New Yorkers, loud liberals, fashionable eyewear, gay guys, Harry Connick songs piped in—you know, that jazzy, idealistic hyperdiversity-land where we all used to live—and lots of juicy salmon on serving trays. The president got misty, once again, when talking about his wife.

Clinton's Mayflower party was, in one of those beautiful whispers of ironic symmetry possible only in this day and age, sponsored by Walter Kaye, 84, who took the podium and pronounced the crowd to be "bigger than my bar mitzvah." He is the New York insurance mogul and Clinton campaign contributor who, once upon a time, recommended a young woman for a White House internship. Her name was Monica.

But past is past. For what is swearing-in day in the end but the exercise of looking ahead, a bunch of toothpicks on the carpeted floor and some blown New Year's diets? For a day anyway, nobody had done anything, no scandals uncovered; we're all friends here, floating on the fumes of Sterno.

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Filet mignon, pecan-encrusted breast of chicken, and for dessert, a "beggar's purse" with spice apples, opera cake and mini-chocolate tulip

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Empty, ravaged tins of Virginia Diner unsalted peanuts and some sandwiches were all that remained long before Allen ever got there. More people came than were expected.



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The room had that special "across-the-river" feel. Everyone's nice, even to reporters. Nicer, say, than the more exclusive mood down the hall at Sen. Edward Kennedy's (D-Mass.) subdued little bash, where there was roast beef being

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Carper's party was sponsored by DuPont, with "Sponsored by DuPont" logos even on the poster board at the door. (Whatever floats your boat, but doesn't that seem a little outre, a bit tone-deaf—having this huge chemical corporation pick up the tab for your congressional swearing-in party? No problem for Delawareans!)

And what does big-name sponsorship get you, noshwise?

Guacamole! ("Chips and dip," explained a helpful DuPont employee positioned at the door, where people were shoving to get in, and get out, and the chips were quickly reduced to crumbs.)

Pick of the Litter

The best party of the day also sounded the most like the old, super-partisan America of a month ago: The Congressional Black Caucus celebrated the swearing-in of House Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr. (D-Mo.) with a lot of brunch action at the Library of Congress, compelling musical performances and some rousing get-gos from Jesse Jackson. Gore dropped by and got a hero's welcome.

So what if it's not exactly in keep-



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New Jersey's Jon Corzine invaded the Mayflower, left, while Tremaine Hawkins sang for the Congressional Black Caucus and Mayor Tony Williams at the Library of Congress ceremonial swearing-in.

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Harmony on the Hill

It was great theater. It had to be, if only for the fact that the first first lady in history was being sworn in to the Senate—and the incorrigible 98-year-old rake, Strom Thurmond, grabbed her after she took the oath and wrapped his arms around her. Indeed, Hillary Clinton in an aqua pants suit provided the most commotion of the opening day because her husband the president, along with daughter, Chelsea, watched her from the front row of the tourists' gallery.

The ancient chamber provided the country with a look at a Senate that exists only in the public's dreams. The kissing and the clasping, the hugging, the smiles and wide-armed embraces presented a picture of bipartisan harmony that had only one visible gap: Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Republican Whip Don Nickles (R-Okla.), crossing each other's paths in the well, forbore to shake hands. Like other Republicans, Nickles resents McCain's threats to press for campaign reform in the face of President-elect Bush's antipathy to it.

President Clinton from his first-row perch may have noted the standoff. He might also have been busy with thoughts of other battles in the Senate, so many of which he won, including acquittal in his impeachment trial almost two years ago. As he watched his vice president, Al Gore, who wouldn't listen to his campaign advice, give the oath to his wife, who did, Clinton might have felt vindicated.

As for Gore, how did he feel when he swore in his erstwhile running mate, Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-Conn.), who had providently, if selfishly, run for his Senate seat while lending diversity to the national ticket that won the popular vote but not the election?

Thirty three other senators were sworn in, too. One of them, Sen. Jean Carnahan (D-Mo.), brought triumph and tragedy with her. She carried herself with great dignity and composure. She is the widow of Missouri governor Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash three weeks before the election. His name remained on the ballot and the governor who succeeded him chose Jean Carnahan as her husband's replacement. She won narrowly over incumbent John Ashcroft (R), a right-wing extremist unaccountably picked by "healer" George Bush for attorney general.

For Democrats torn between senatorial courtesy and concern for justice, Carnahan is the personification of the problem. She has been a model of circumspection and says nothing about Ashcroft's "nobility" in forgoing a recount of the race, and promises only that she will deal with the

nomination as with any other.

Gore has probably had better days. He came back from a Caribbean respite to be reminded of his excruciating loss. He saw the elation of the winners, could see the jubilant faces of their families and followers in the galleries all around. In the spirit of the day, he was treated to a warm, long round of applause. It went on so long, he spoke with a little irony about a Senate rule against "boisterous demonstrations"—and provoked more applause and chuckles.

Joy was most apparent on the face of Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), the Democratic leader who for three weeks will be living in an officially sanctioned federal dreamland. With Gore as vice president until Jan. 20, the Democrats control the Senate, and Daschle is majority leader. He said he expected to savor every minute. Probably nobody on either side of the chamber begrudged him his pleasure.

Daschle is an unlikely figure on the Capitol Hill scene. He is something of an oxymoron, a self-effacing politician, seemingly without ego. You have to see him—the perfect attention he accorded to Republican Majority Leader Trent Lott while Lott was unspooling some antique ceremonial detail—to see that Daschle leads by listening. No Democrat has ever felt slighted or brushed off. He has a remarkable record of producing unanimous votes from his caucus.

The Republicans trust Daschle. Like the Democrats, they know he will not play games or tricks on them. He won't spring a campaign finance vote on them. What Daschle wants is equality, equal representation on committees, equal consideration on matters of staff. Lott is said to be more giving than his caucus. Having seen the fruits of the exercise of raw power in the election, they're not about to give up a page in the fight.

So there are fights in the future. And the comic relief can't always be provided by Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.). How Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) will fit into the club is a subject of endless speculation. Her book advance of \$8 million, her purchase of a \$2.8 million Washington mansion give some pause about her "blending" abilities. Many senators live in group homes on Capitol Hill, some even with lowly House members, and subsist on frozen dinners and pizza. Some of them call their wives "mother" and could not peddle the true story of their marriages for the price of a pizza.

But for one day, the Senate was the site of harmony and happiness, with the heartbreak hidden and the strife all to come.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton, with President Clinton and daughter Chelsea, walks past photographers after being sworn in as a senator.

A Bittersweet Day Like No Other

Hillary Clinton's Swearing-In as Senator Highlights a Political Passage

By CHARLES BABINGTON
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Technically, not much changed at 12:23 p.m. yesterday in the U.S. Senate. Symbolically, however, it marked a rare moment of political passage.

It captured, in one tableau, America's first family, its stoic but bitterly disappointed vice president and a Repub-

the chamber's female membership to a record 13. Administering the oath was Vice President Gore, who presided over a bittersweet day of ceremonies knowing he soon will watch the inauguration of a man who won 500,000 fewer presidential votes than he did.

Watching from the visitors gallery above, able only to smile and wave as several senators kissed his wife's cheek,

And watching from the Senate's front row was GOP leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.), who will retain control over the chamber—now divided 50-50 between Democrats and Republicans—only because Republican Richard B. Cheney soon will replace Gore as the vice president and breaker of tie votes.

The House and Senate revel in hoary rituals designed, in part, to treat all

3 Cabinet Nominees Will Face Hill Fight

Senate Democrats, Allies Mobilizing

By ERIC PIANIN
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Senate Democrats and liberal advocacy groups are preparing to vigorously contest three of President-elect Bush's most controversial Cabinet selections. Although they have little expectation that the nominees will be defeated, they plan to use the confirmation hearings to portray Bush as closely aligned with the far right.

Lawmakers of both parties agreed yesterday there was little chance that opponents could amass the votes needed to block any of the new president's choices for his Cabinet, including his selection of John D. Ashcroft as attorney general, Linda Chavez as labor secretary and Gale A. Norton as head of the Interior Department.

But congressional Democrats and their allies in liberal groups said the hearings could nonetheless give Democrats an opportunity to send the new administration a cautionary signal about undertaking other controversial nominations or actions.

In addition, party strategists said,

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Our Exciting Entrance/Exit Interviews

Amid the maelstrom of cocktail parties, White House coffees, swank dinners and elegant dances celebrating the ascension of **Hillary Rodham Clinton** to the United States Senate, we caught up with New York's junior Democrat and her soon-to-be-unemployed spouse at Tuesday night's reception for supporters at the Washington restaurant 701.

After Sen.-elect Clinton assured us that she was "glad" we managed to crash the closed-to-press event, we asked if she'll be entertaining extensively—maybe even presiding over a Washington salon—at her big new house off Embassy Row. "I'm not thinking about that right now," she briskly replied. "I'm looking forward to being a senator."

And that was that. **President Clinton**, on the other hand, was positively ebullient. "I love it, I just love it," he told us as wine-sipping celebrants swirled around him. "I'm very, very proud of her," he added, craning his neck to locate his wife in the crush at the other end of the room. "Where's my girl?"

We asked if he was hoping to be on the Senate floor for yesterday's swearing-in. "No, I think I'll just sit up in the family gallery, where I can have a good view of everything and enjoy it. Anyhow, I don't think presidents have floor privileges."

And does he hope to maintain a post-White House social presence?

"I'm going to spend a lot of time in New York," he answered, meaning the

Clinton homestead in Chappaqua, "and also working on my library. And I can do a lot to help Hillary." But he intends to keep a low Washington profile—for the first year, anyway—and visit regularly. "I don't think anybody will have anything to say about it if I spend a night with my wife."

Hillary and Bill Clinton: Getting the entertaining out of the way before getting down to business?



FILE PHOTO BY KEVIN LAMARQUE—REUTERS

"To marry a senator and settle down in Georgetown."

—Seventeen-year-old **Hillary Rodham**, revealing her obviously unachievable career goals in a December 1964 spoof interview for her high school newspaper, as reported by biographer **Donnie Radcliffe** in the 1993 book "Hillary Rodham Clinton: The Evolution of a First Lady."



THIS JUST IN . . .

■ We hear that **Catherine Fenton**, a seasoned veteran of Republican White Houses, is **Laura Bush's** pick to be the next White House social secretary. Fenton, who turns 46 next week, worked in both **Nancy Reagan** and **Barbara Bush's** social offices as well as the Japanese embassy. "She's just a sweetheart, unaffected but very professional," former Nancy Reagan press secretary **Sheila Tate** told us yesterday. "She's a great fit, personality-wise."

■ What happened to compassionate conservatism? Republican National Committee staffer **Michael Conway**, an aide to departing RNC Chairman **Jim Nicholson**, got hammered yesterday in Fairfax District Court for speeding Nov. 11 while trying to get Nicholson to an appearance on "Larry King Live." The Post's Marc Fisher reports that Conway pleaded no contest before Judge **Mark Simmons** after a Fairfax County officer clocked him driving Nicholson's Cadillac at 90 mph up I-395. "I was speeding," Conway confessed, "but I was in fear of



Meg Greenfield: Sobering revelations.

losing my job." The judge threw the book at him: a \$250 fine, a six-month suspended sentence, a year of probation and outright suspension of his license. "You're lucky you're not going to jail," Simmons scolded. "I hope Gov. [Jim] Gilmore"—Nicholson's RNC successor—"will give you points for loyalty."

■ Drunk on power? In "Washington," **Meg Greenfield's** soon-to-be-published posthumous memoir, the late Washington Post editorial page editor exposes a strange duality among certain Beltway types: "When I first came to Washington, I remember being astounded when a TV-correspondent friend told me that he sometimes had legislators come to the press gallery for scheduled broadcast interviews who were absolutely slobbery incoherent with booze. But this circumstance didn't alarm him anymore . . . That was because he had seen these fellows, again and again, perk right up into seeming sobriety when the little red 'on' light flashed, and launch into all manner of well-articulated gravities they wished to share with the American people."

■ **President Clinton** was expected in Syracuse, N.Y., at this morning's funeral for former Onondaga County Democratic Party treasurer **Jack E. McAuliffe**, Clinton pal **Terry McAuliffe's** 83-year-old father, who died of a heart attack Sunday while watching a football game on TV.

■ New Year's Day guests at the downtown apartment of White House Deputy Chief of Staff **Maria Echaveste** and her husband, Harvard Law professor **Christopher Edley**, got a surprise: a bris for the couple's week-old adopted son, **Elias Gabriel Edley Echaveste**. The hostess, a convert to Judaism, told us that her lapsed-Lutheran husband "got a little pale" during the circumcision ceremony.



FILE PHOTOS

Christopher Edley, above, and wife Maria Echaveste: It's a surprise party.



With Beth Berselli

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By Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

Congress opens to division

A power-packed 107th Congress debuted Wednesday with President Clinton witnessing the swearing in of first lady and now Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-NY, by Vice President Gore. The pomp failed to hide the body's divided circumstances. Full coverage, 6A.

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Congratulations, Senator

It's official: Hillary Rodham Clinton is New York's junior U.S. senator.

In taking the oath of office yesterday, Mrs. Clinton walked straight into the history books, becoming the only first lady ever to hold elective office.

While we didn't support her political bid last fall, she has our best wishes. Because New York — to put it mildly — will need all the help it can get on Capitol Hill, especially given the latest Census figures, which will cost the state two seats in the House of Representatives.

Officially, Clinton ranks fourth from the bottom in seniority.

But she is certainly not the average freshman senator. Yes, many of her new colleagues in the Senate are arrayed against her politically.

But here's hoping she can use her celebrity status and national reputation to work for her — and for New York.

As this page has noted, the first lady steps into large shoes; Daniel Patrick Moynihan helped set the agenda in Washington for most of his 24 years in office, often challenging conventional wisdom and his own party's interests.

Yet there's no sign that Clinton will stray far from the Democratic reservation — her campaign, for example, catered to labor unions, particularly the teachers unions.

But she took pains to familiarize herself with areas outside her natural base

of support — especially upstate, where she was a regular visitor.

She may have jumped into the race unable to find Canandaigua on a map, but she knows now, and that's to her credit.

She earned her victory, in other words.

Clinton hasn't yet received her committee assignments, but she's indicated a preference for those covering pet issues, such as health care.

That's fine — but New York senators generally have had a voice on the banking committee, given the industry's key role in New York's economy; Clinton would do well to rethink her committee preferences.

It's also unclear how well she will be able to work with Chuck Schumer, who now becomes New York's senior senator after just two years in office.

Schumer may have seniority, but there's no denying that Mrs. Clinton will be getting the attention.

New Yorkers are served best when its senators work together — as Pat Moynihan and Al D'Amato did for two decades. We hope Clinton comes to appreciate this quickly.

All this is not to pretend that we and Mrs. Clinton will see eye-to-eye on most issues.

But she has our congratulations — and our hope that she'll be working for New York's best interests.

New York has lost its clout in Congress

NEW YORK will have fewer friends in high places than in many a moon when President-elect Bush takes office in a few weeks.

The Empire State gave Bush just 35 percent of its vote and is home base of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton — seen as a potential Bush challenger in 2004.

And yet, oddly enough, in some ways — notably tax cuts — New York could fare a lot better under the Bush administration than it ever did in the Bill Clinton years.

That's because Bush is vowing tax cuts for everyone while Clinton (and Al Gore) were determined to avoid "tax cuts for the rich" — demagogic code words for making sure New Yorkers are less likely than, say, Arkansans, to get tax cuts.

The reason, quite simply, is that New Yorkers earn higher incomes — but also pay far more for items like rent or home ownership or even groceries. Their higher incomes don't necessarily make them "richer."

Take two New York cops married to each other. After seven years on the force, they'll earn over \$100,000 — making them "rich" in

DEBORAH ORIN

INSIDE WASHINGTON



Clinton-Gore lingo and thus ineligible for tax cuts.

So the New York cops wouldn't be getting tax cuts under the Gore plan. Under the Bush plan, they will. So will New York teachers, who'd also count as "rich" in Clinton-Gore lingo.

Indeed, one of the fascinating aspects of the upcoming fight over tax cuts will be watching how Hillary Clinton and other New York lawmakers handle Democratic efforts to demagogue the tax-cut issue.

Will they cheer as Democrats try to block tax cuts for anyone whose annual income tops, say, \$60,000 or \$75,000, thus penalizing high-income states like New York, New Jersey and Connecticut?

Or will Hillary side with Bush and fight for New Yorkers' rights to share in national tax cuts instead of subsidizing Arkansas tax cuts?

After all, one of the pet projects of Hillary's predecessor, Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, was to document how much more New York pays Uncle Sam in taxes than it gets back in spending — a whopping \$16.5 billion last year.

"The Clinton administration used New York as a cash cow for eight years," said Gov. Pataki's spokesman, Mike McKeon. "Things can only get better. New York will be one of the top two or three states to benefit from the Bush tax cut."

But not if Democrats succeed in blocking "tax cuts for the rich."

Bush's tax plan and education reforms could help New York, but there is a real question about where the state will go for clout in the new political world of 2001.

For years, Moynihan quietly used his position on the Senate Finance Committee to protect the state — notably by retooling highway subsidies to boost mass transit and looking out on key formulas for items like Medicaid.

When Republicans took control of the Senate, Moynihan's pal Bill Roth (R-Del.) took over the

nance chair, and looked out for New York at Moynihan's prodding.

But Roth went down to defeat last fall. Hillary doesn't have Moynihan's bipartisan clout, to put it mildly. Republicans certainly won't be doing her any favors, nor will they be out to help Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.).

Schumer's decision to hit hard at Bush's choice for attorney general, John Ashcroft, is the kind of move that the new president isn't likely to forget.

Upstate GOP Rep. James Walsh has some pull on appropriations, but New York hasn't made up for the exit of the House GOP power couple of Bill Paxon and Susan Molinari.

And it isn't just tax cuts where New York will have to fight for its rights. The Clinton administration — aided by other Democrats — regularly tried to slash New York's mass-transit aid and federal heating subsidies known as LiHEAP.

On complex issues such as Medicaid and Medicare — vital to New York's hospitals which are a central part of the state's economy — there is no one like Moynihan with the clout to protect the state.

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Clinton and Lazio skirted soft-\$\$ ban here

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

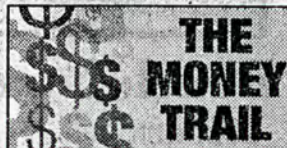
State Democrats and Republicans made an end-run around a soft-money ban in the New York Senate race last year — spending millions of unregulated dollars in its final weeks, The Post has learned.

While Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio agreed not to air campaign ads paid for by soft money, the cash was permitted to be spent on other bills. It amounted to a combined \$3.23 million in the race's last two weeks.

Because the agreement prevented state Republicans from funding Lazio's ads, \$1.68 million in GOP soft money was used for a variety of other expenses on behalf of the Long Island congressman — including \$900,000 on direct-mail ads and \$124,000 on statewide polling.

In conjunction with Washington Democrats, state Dems spent \$1.55 million on behalf of Clinton in the race's final two weeks — including \$736,000 to her media guru, Mandy Grunwald.

Democrats were careful to note that the soft money



used to pay Grunwald was for her "production costs" rather than buying TV airtime — which would have been a violation of the agreement reached by Clinton and Lazio.

In Senate races, state and national parties are allowed to funnel a certain amount of hard money to candidates — in New York's case last year, the limit was \$1.85 million.

While individuals can donate no more than \$2,000 to a Senate campaign, they can give up to \$76,500 to a state political party and up to \$20,000 in hard money to federal parties.

One well-placed Democratic source said the fact that the \$1.85 million soft-money loophole wasn't addressed by Lazio and Clinton "basically amounted to

a sham."

"It was all a big-money shell game. The campaigns paid for the ads themselves, and then the state parties came in and helped pay for everything else," said the Democrat, who asked not to be named.

But one Clinton insider argued that, "Unlike some of the presidential primaries, [at least] you didn't see some people coming in out of nowhere and buying millions of dollars of advertising in the last week."

There was a flurry of last-minute donations to both state parties.

Christopher Quick — whose former brokerage house Quick & Reilly was involved in a Securities and Exchange Commission probe of Lazio during the campaign — gave the state GOP \$50,000 the day before the election.

Eve Weinstein, the wife of Miramax mogul Harvey Weinstein, also cut a \$50,000 check on election eve — to the state Democrats.

Gore approaches remaining duties as VP with humor

By Laurence McQuillan
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Ending three weeks of self-imposed exile since losing the White House, Al Gore turned to humor Wednesday to get through a bittersweet day of vice-presidential duties that briefly put him back in the public eye.

Gore wished President-elect Bush well, urged black members of the House to stand up for their beliefs and offered goodbyes to official Washington.

In fulfilling his constitutional duties as Senate president, Gore administered the oath of office to 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats. Among them were his former running mate, Joe Lieberman, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The most touching moment came from Senate Republican leader Trent Lott.

The GOP leader rose and thanked Gore "for the example that you have set during a very difficult time." He touched off prolonged applause when he expressed "the appreciation of the Senate and a grateful nation to the presiding officer, the vice president of the United States, for the service he has given to our country."

The applause didn't stop until Gore banged down the gavel, noting with mock sternness, "The chair will remind the Senate that boisterous demonstrations are against the rules."

Gore, who spent 16 years in Congress (eight years in the House and eight in the Senate) before becoming vice president in 1993, will leave office Jan. 20. Earlier Wednesday, he spoke with the 38 members of the Congressional Black Caucus and told them, "We must all respect, and wherever possible, help President-elect Bush because from the moment he takes his solemn oath, a great responsibility will rest in his hands."

Gore caught some members of the group off guard as he opened his remarks with the prediction

that "the country better get ready because America is about to see some bold new leadership from the state of Texas." He then playfully explained that "of course," he was talking about Democratic Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, the new leader of the Texas caucus.

Gore said it was time for healing the political wounds of the election, which he lost when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to allow a manual recount of disputed votes in Florida.

He called on the lawmakers, "as public servants and as Americans, to heal our nation's divisions," but at the same time reminded them to be watchdogs for those without political power.

"Do your best to reach across party lines, but you also have to know when to draw the line," the vice president said.

Speaking of his own situation, Gore said, "Seventeen days from now, I leave the vice presidency full of love for my country, full of gratitude to its people and above all full of hope for our common future."

He also told the lawmakers, "I want you to know that I will always be there for you."

Gore made no mention of his future plans, but Democratic political veterans say Gore has not closed the door to another run for office.

Following custom, Gore gave the oath of office to four senators at a time. Swearing in Lieberman appeared difficult for both men.

"It was very poignant, very moving and very real," said Lieberman's wife, Hadassah.

Lieberman was allowed to run both for vice president and for his Senate seat, which he won easily.

Gore is expected to keep a low profile Jan. 20, Inauguration Day. However, on Saturday, Gore will again preside in the Senate when the results of the Electoral College vote become official. He will announce the winner.

Contributing: Kathy Kiely and Jessica Lee



Gore to Congressional Black Caucus: "Do your best to reach across party lines, but you also have to know when to draw the line."

By Kamenko Pajic, AP

USA TODAY

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WITH BOB...
ing her a long kiss.

New York's new junior senator began her day by inviting friends and supporters to the White House for breakfast. She ate oatmeal and the guests had danish and orange juice.

During opening remarks by the Senate's top Republican and Democrat, the president blew a kiss to his wife.

The president and Chelsea sat side-by-side in the front row, with the senator's mother, Dorothy Rodham, and the Clintons' 6-year-old nephew Tyler.

It's likely that Mrs. Clinton will get a seat on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, although some sources say she would love a spot on the Banking Committee as well.

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PROUD MOMENT: Vice President Gore administers the oath to Hillary Rodham Clinton, as the president and daughter Chelsea look on.

Reuters

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING

HILL GETS HER

WASHINGTON — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton added "Senator" to her titles at 12:20 p.m. yesterday, joining America's most exclusive club as her husband the president fought off tears and happily blew her kisses.

In a historic ceremony that lasted only a few minutes, Hillary —

hand on her own Bible, a gift from fellow Methodists — swore allegiance to the Constitution and traded hugs with fellow lawmakers.

"It's great," exclaimed Clinton, who turned heads all day yesterday wearing a brilliant, electric-blue pantsuit that screamed out from the sea of gray suits around her.

President Clinton, who watched the ceremony with daughter Chelsea

from the gallery that looks over the Senate floor, made his own history — never before has a president gone from leader of the free world to Senate spouse.

Moreover, he watched the ceremony in the same chamber where the Senate in 1999 fell short of the votes needed to oust him after his impeachment.

"We're very happy for

her. We're very proud of her," a teary-eyed president said as he headed with Chelsea toward the Capitol's old Senate chamber, which hasn't been used since 1859.

As a spouse, the president was issued a small pin, which he wore on his lapel yesterday.

"Isn't it great?" he said, pointing to the tiny triangle.

Because photo-taking isn't allowed in the Senate, it's common for new lawmakers to visit the old

chamber, now a museum, to snap photos.

Al Gore, vice president until Jan. 20, presided over the Senate yesterday, and as a courtesy, he posed for photos with all the senators taking oaths yesterday.

After taking her oath, Sen. Clinton signed her name into an official Senate ledger, keeping the pen — as is custom — by tucking it into her Bible and walking off escorted by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.).

Gala girl gallops from gig to gig

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ANKS, MR. GREENSPAN

Hill had influential role in his address

By FREDRIC U. DICKER
State Editor

ALBANY — Gov. Pataki's address was inspired by two of the state's sharpest politicians, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Joseph Bruno, insiders say.

Republicans and Democrats at the Capitol said lessons learned from Clinton's November election landslide, as well as from Bruno's extraordinary deal a year ago with city union chief Dennis Rivera, were behind key initiatives in the speech by Pataki, who is expected to seek reelection next year.

Clinton's unexpectedly heavy support in traditionally upstate Republican areas was clearly responsible for the governor's emphasis on the upstate economy, a top GOP official conceded.

"Look, Pataki has been saying for a couple of years that things upstate were great — so why all of a sudden in the State of the State is he making a major push to improve upstate?" the official asked. The answer is obvious.

Others recalled that Republican

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U.S. Senate hopeful Rick Lazio's campaign lost considerable momentum upstate after he claimed the economy there had turned the corner after years of decline.

Pataki learned that lesson for sure, said a prominent Democrat.

The insiders, meanwhile, said Pataki was trying to duplicate Bruno's politically astute maneuver of just over a year ago when the normally conservative Rensselaer County Republican cut a surprise — and costly — political deal with Rivera to create a sweeping new health-care entitlement program.

The deal led Rivera, hospital workers union head, to back the reelection of many of Bruno's Republican colleagues — all of whom won, though several had been expected to lose.

This time it appears Pataki is aggressively wooing the state's politically powerful teachers union with a series of education reform proposals that were quickly cheered by union leaders.



YAWN! Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver calls the Flex Aid plan a "cloak of reform." Alan Solomon

"I know for a fact that the governor's people have really reached out to the teachers union and are making a big, big effort to woo them," said a prominent Republican strategist.

It's a smart move, and you can see it throughout his speech, the strategist said.

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Washington Final

Washington and Baltimore: Afternoon clearing, high near 35. Tonight, increasing clouds, low in the middle 20s. Tomorrow, cloudy, flurries, high near 40. Weather map is on Page C20.



Vice President Al Gore administered the oaths of office yesterday to United States senators, including Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Kent Conrad of North Dakota, center, and Jon S. Corzine of New Jersey.

A Day of Firsts As Mrs. Clinton Takes the Oath

By RAYMOND HERNANDEZ

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 — Hillary Rodham Clinton had just finished being sworn in as New York's newest United States senator when she received a surprising welcome.

It was Senator Strom Thurmond, at 98 the oldest member of Congress and a Republican, who suddenly rose from his chair to ask the first lady, "Can I hug you?" before going on to do just that, right there on the Senate floor.

The chamber then erupted in laughter, prompting Vice President Al Gore, who was presiding over the swearing-in ceremony, to call for order.

It was that kind of day for Mrs. Clinton as she completed a remarkable political journey, moving from first lady to a sitting member of the United States Congress.

Consider that the president of the United States was relegated to a mere spectator in the Senate's visitors gallery, near other spouses, while veteran senators fussed over his wife.

The first lady walked to the well of the Senate to be sworn in shortly after noon, escorted down the aisle by New York's senior senator, Charles E. Schumer, in a ceremony filled with reminders that a new Clinton was taking power in the nation's capital.

The ceremony attracted scores of reporters and curious onlookers, who packed the ornate Senate chamber and spilled into the adjoining corridors, in a scramble to witness the historic occasion.

Mr. Clinton could barely contain his excitement from his modest perch in the gallery, grinning broadly when his wife was summoned to the well by Mr. Gore. Then, Mr. Clinton grabbed the hand of his daughter,

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Chelsea, who was sitting beside him along with other family members.

"It's a good day," Mr. Clinton, who was wearing "Hillary" campaign button on his lapel, said later. "I'm ecstatic."

After eight years here in Washington, Mrs. Clinton looked at times like a seasoned veteran, but at other moments like a wide-eyed newcomer. All the while, she shook the hands of well-wishers and appeared to blush a bit because of all the attention that was being showered on her not only by a curious public but by her fellow senators.

"I never could have predicted it," Mrs. Clinton said of her arrival in the Senate.

Mrs. Clinton was one of 11 new senators, 9 Democrats and 2 Republicans, sworn in to Congress today. Among the new senators was Jon S. Corzine, a Democrat from New Jersey, who took the oath in a group with Mrs. Clinton.

Many of the new members of Congress brought along friends, relatives and others to watch them take the oath. But Mrs. Clinton was clearly the star of the moment, prompting even her critics to be caught up in the heady atmosphere.

"Well, she certainly is going to get

extra attention because she is, after all, the first lady, the first one ever to be in the Senate," said Trent Lott, the Republican leader of the Senate, who once suggested that he would put Mrs. Clinton in her place once she arrived in Congress.

"But, you know," Mr. Lott added, "under the rules of the Senate, we are all coequals."

Later in the day, as is tradition here, Mrs. Clinton, the president, their daughter and other family members attended a re-enactment of the swearing-in ceremony in the Old Senate Chamber.

But what was not traditional was that she got to go first, even though she is 97th in seniority. That was because of the heightened security for her husband.

The re-enactments are held to give lawmakers and their families the opportunity to pose for photographs, something that is prohibited in the Senate chamber itself.

In the second ceremony, Mrs. Clinton raised her right hand and took the oath again as her daughter held a Bible that the family brought with them from the White House.

The Bible was given to Mrs. Clinton by the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church when she arrived in Washington eight years ago as first lady.

The Capitol was under increased

security today, mainly because of the president's visit, creating a charged atmosphere as Secret Service agents prowled the corridors.

Like other newly elected members of the 107th Congress, Mrs. Clinton held a reception and then a party for her family, friends and other supporters after the swearing-in ceremonies.

The reception was held at the Dirksen Building, across the street from the Capitol, for hundreds of people in the afternoon, followed in the evening by a dinner party at the Mayflower Hotel.

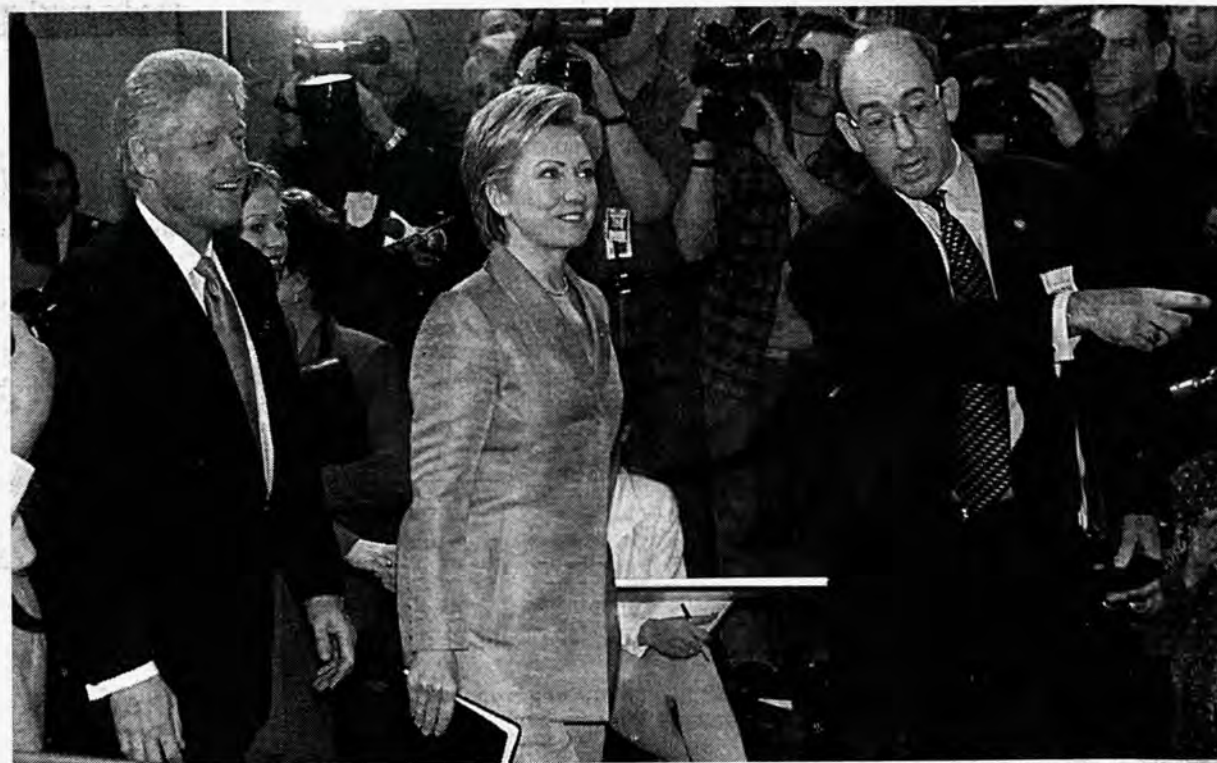
Even before she took the oath of office, there was widespread speculation about which committee assignments Mrs. Clinton would receive once the new Congress is completely organized.

But that will likely not be known until next week, when Senate leaders plan to make and announce those decisions.

Mrs. Clinton is going to have to wait for some other important news, too.

Because she has yet to receive her office assignment, her staff will have to continue working out of a basement cubicle in the Dirksen Building, as they have for the last few weeks.

The Senate assigns office space under a seniority system. Veteran



Associated Press

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton entered the Old Senate Chamber yesterday for a mock swearing-in. Earlier, the president watched her take the actual oath of office from the visitors gallery.

senators will be given first choice of desirable suites of departing senators, like Daniel Patrick Moynihan, whose seat Mrs. Clinton is taking.

Mrs. Clinton seemed eager to

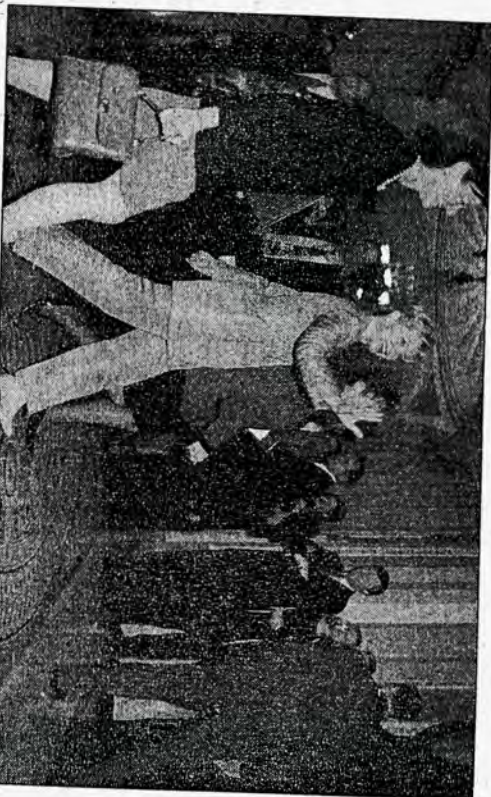
come across as unassuming and even modest, shying away from reporters even as they seemed to track her every move.

But for the next 17 days, until her

husband leaves the White House, she will be in the unprecedented position of holding down two important jobs here in the capital: first lady and United States senator.

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ception in her honor hosted by Wal-
ter Kaye, an insurance magnate
and big contributor to her cam-
paign. It was Kaye who had ar-
ranged a White House internship
for Monica Lewinsky, setting in
motion the first lady's keenest pub-
lic embarrassment.
Did she feel awkward about this
coincidence? "Not at all," said
spokesman Howard Wolfson. "He's
a longtime supporter."



Hillary Rodham Clinton, with a staff member at left, leaves the Senate chamber after being sworn in as a senator from New York. She is the first spouse of a president to become a senator.

BY RAY LUSTIG—THE WASHINGTON POST

...at hand and g...
apparent pride as fellow New York
Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D) es-
corted the first lady from the back
row to the front. Kennedy, Sen. Jo-
seph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.) and oth-
er senators turned to watch the
president's reaction, an ear-to-ear
smile.

Minutes later, Secret Service
agents herded the Clintons to the
Old Senate Chamber for another
tradition: a mock swearing-in for
the taking of photos, which aren't
allowed at the actual ceremony. Or-
dinarily, the newest senators go
last, but the Clintons went first.
The Secret Service's need to get
the president in and out smoothly
was the official explanation, but
press corps management was an
equally good excuse. Paying no at-
tention to the other new senators,
including Virginia's George Allen
(R), dozens of photographers and
reporters crammed into the small
chamber to watch the first lady
pose with her husband, daughter
Chelsea, mother Dorothy Rodham,
brothers Hugh and Tony Rodham
and other relatives.

Photographers' strobes flashed
so relentlessly that Gore pleaded,
"Surely *one* of these will come out."

The media horde left with the
Clintons, but Gore stayed behind
for many more grips and grins,
playing out one of his last duties as
Senate president. Much like when
he offered a gracious concession to
President-elect Bush on Dec. 13,
Gore smiled gamely throughout
the day, even though his 24 years of
unbroken office-holding are about
to end, and his political future is
uncertain.

Gore began the day by speaking
to the all-Democratic Congression-
al Black Caucus, where several au-
dience members urged him to run
again in 2004. Gore gave no an-
swer and called on Democrats to
respect and help the incoming
president without becoming lap-

Humor him.

*Tony Kornheiser,
Sundays in Style.*

The Washington Post

If you don't get it, you don't get it.

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Hillary Clinton Steals At Bittersweet Senate

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han, three weeks after his death in a plane crash. "I thought about how much my husband would have loved to have done this," Carnahan said. "But life goes on, and we deal with it the way it is."

Yesterday, however, there was no denying that the show-stealer was New York's newest senator and the most famous and polarizing woman in American politics.

Clinton, who for 17 days will hold the titles of both senator and first lady, has said she simply wants to be a regular member of the upper chamber of Congress. In that clubbiest of clubs, where men's and women's routine kisses would make most modern employers cringe, she sealed the deal by accepting an embrace and buss on the cheek from Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), the 98-year-old icon who proudly admits his admiration for the ladies.

Soon following with their own kisses on her cheek were Democratic Sens. Christopher J. Dodd (Conn.), John F. Kerry (Mass.), Max Baucus (Mont.) and others—although Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) was among those who settled for a chaste handshake.

Clinton says she wants to blend in, but even her choice of an electric teal pantsuit (matching the president's tie) worked against her, floating like a neon beacon in the Senate sea of navy and gray. Everywhere she turned, dozens of cameras flashed, well-wishers craned and journalists pushed up against unsmiling security agents.

Even as veteran senators argued that she soon will settle into their workaday world of committee hearings and quorum calls, they conceded they had never seen a day like this one. When an officer issued the traditional call to notify the president that a new Congress had convened, "Somebody said, 'Hey, he's right up there,'" said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.).

If Bill Clinton bristled at playing the cheerleader role, he didn't show it. He gazed intently from the gallery's front row, chin in hand, as two foursomes of new or newly re-elected senators took the oath ahead of his wife. Then, when the clerk called "Mrs. Clinton of New

dogs to the Republicans. Democratic lawmakers, he said, must "reach across party lines. But you also have to know when to draw the line."

As evening fell, there were reminders that even on a day of unprecedented events, some things in Washington don't change. Sen. Clinton, for example, proved that political money can trump personal sentiment when she attended a re

Divided Congress Takes Oath With Promises of Unity

By HELEN DEWAR and JULIET EILPERIN
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With a beaming President Clinton looking down from the Senate tourists' gallery, the 107th Congress convened yesterday to swear in new members—among them first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton—and heard strong appeals for bipartisanship that belied the political difficulties confronting the most narrowly divided Congress in a half-century.

In simultaneous ceremonies rich in pomp, tradition and good humor, the House and Senate brushed aside bitterness from the November election and apprehension over how they will operate in a new era of near parity between Republicans and Democrats.

The House, narrowly controlled by the GOP, elected Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) to a second term as speaker as members of both parties sent mixed signals of cooperation and conflict. As expected, Rep. James A. Traficant (D-Ohio) voted for Hastert instead of Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.), prompting sustained applause from Republicans. Democrats said afterward they would no longer accept Traficant as a member, effectively widening the GOP's edge in the chamber to 221-211, with Traficant unaffiliated and two independents.

The Senate, divided evenly between the parties for the first time since 1881, edged closer to a power-sharing accord that is necessary for the body to begin operations. The Democratic demands include equal representation on committees, though they have yet to win GOP agreement.

For the next 17 days, however, Democrats will be in the majority—until Vice President Gore hands over the gavel of presiding officer to Vice President-elect Cheney on Inauguration Day. Republicans, in a conciliatory gesture, agreed to let the Democrats chair committees during the period. And both parties are cooperating by scheduling hearings on President-elect Bush's Cabinet nominations, starting with one today for Commerce Secretary-designate Donald L. Evans.

When Bush is inaugurated Jan. 20, Republicans will control the White House and both houses of Congress for the first time since the first two years of the administration of Dwight D. Eisenhower nearly 50 years ago.

The dramatic changes that have swept Capitol Hill as a result of the November elections were obvious from the start in the Senate as Hillary Clinton appeared in the chamber—with her husband, daughter, mother and nephew watching from the gallery—to be sworn in as the junior senator from New York. No other first lady has ever served in Congress, and Clinton joins 12 other women in the Senate, four more than served in the last Senate and a new record.

Democrats—while echoing Republican appeals for cooperation—are demanding more power in both houses and warning Bush against pushing for some of his more far-reaching proposals. In a tacit acknowledgment of the power shift in the Senate, Gore recognized Democratic leader Thomas A. Daschle (S.D.) as the chamber's "majority leader" yesterday.

"I must confess that, in six years as minority leader, I've had a moment or two when I wondered if this day would ever arrive," Daschle told the Senate, amid laughter and applause from both parties. "I assure you, I intend to savor every one of the next 17



Sen. Jean Carnahan (D-Mo.), with son Tom and daughter Robin, thanks Vice President Gore after being sworn in. Carnahan was appointed to replace husband Mel, who died in a plane crash before the election but won nonetheless.



Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-Conn.) and wife Hadassah share a laugh with Vice President Gore. Democrats will hold a majority in the Senate until Jan. 20, when Vice President-elect Cheney is inaugurated and presides over that chamber.

days." Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) becomes majority leader again on Jan. 20.

Democrats have said they plan to do little more than hold confirmation hearings during the 17 days, both because Republicans could block them with delaying tactics and because they want to set an example of comity for Republicans to follow when they take back the gavel.

Although Lott and Daschle are still struggling to reach agreement on how to organize a 50-50 Senate, sources in both parties have said the two leaders are discussing a plan under which committee memberships would be divided evenly between the parties, as sought by Democrats. But it would also provide that legislation or nominations that fail in a tie vote in a committee would go to the full Senate without recommendation. This is aimed at addressing Republican concerns that Democrats could unite to keep anything they don't like from getting to the Senate floor.

Many Republicans have said they oppose a 50-50 division on committees, and it is unclear whether they will object to the plan if Lott presents it to them.

In speech after speech yesterday, leaders of both parties in both houses urged cross-party cooperation, although it was clear there would be limits.

"As we begin this historic Congress, let us resolve that we will work in good faith and with each other to do the people's business. That is our pledge from this side of the aisle," said Daschle. "We will always find ways to work together," Lott said.

The same note was struck in the House. "I hope the closeness of the margin between our parties in the Congress will be viewed as an opportunity, not a hindrance," Gephardt said. Hastert responded, "While at times the past two years have been difficult, this time of new beginnings provides us with a new opportunity to reach out and work with all of our colleagues to get the people's work done."

But within hours, the parties were feuding again in the House, with Democrats protesting that a rules package crafted by the GOP undermined their rights. Democratic Caucus Vice Chair Robert Menendez (N.J.) said he was disappointed that Republicans had not pushed ahead with election reform and failed to bring committee ratios in line with the party balance in the House as a whole. "This is the first test of bipartisanship, the first test of leadership and the Republicans have failed it," he said.

District of Columbia Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) complained that GOP leaders had not restored her right to vote on the House floor, a privilege she won in 1993 only to have it revoked two years later when Republicans won control of the House.

Gore called for cooperation in remarks to the Congressional Black Caucus before yesterday's House and Senate ceremonies. Democrats must "reach across party lines," he said, but "you also have to know when to draw the line."

At several points during the day, there were flashes of humor, even on the subject of the presidential campaign and its stormy finish in the controversy over recounting ballots in Florida. When we was called on to vote in the speakership election, Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii), called out, "I cast my vote for Mr. Gephardt and demand a recount."

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Vice President Al Gore embraces Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, who he said would provide "new leadership." AF

Gore salutes black caucus, is welcomed home in Senate

By Andrew Cain
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A wistful Vice President Al Gore re-emerged yesterday to swear in new senators and to thank members of the Congressional Black Caucus for their loyal support.

Mr. Gore, with 17 days left in his tenure, offered his first extended public remarks since Dec. 13, when he conceded to President-elect George W. Bush.

"I can't tell you how good it feels to be back home. That welcome you gave me was a wonderful tonic, and I appreciate it so much," Mr. Gore told black lawmakers during a ceremony at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Gore, who saluted the Rev. Jesse Jackson as "a voice of conscience throughout this country," did not get through his introductory remarks before someone in the audience shouted: "Gore in '04."

Mr. Gore also hinted he is not through with politics. He told the black House members he is "full of hope for our common future."

The vice president then headed to the Senate, where he will wield the tie-breaking vote until Jan. 20, when the new administration begins.

Mr. Gore kissed First Lady Hil-

lary Rodham Clinton, New York's freshman senator, on the cheek and hugged his running mate, Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut.

"Congratulations, my friend, I'm proud of you," Mr. Gore told Mr. Lieberman as they clasped hands.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, Mississippi Republican, hailed Mr. Gore for his gracious concession.

He thanked the vice president "for the example that you have set during a very difficult time."

Mr. Lott also expressed "the appreciation of the Senate and a grateful nation to the presiding officer, the vice president of the United States, for the service he has given to our country."

Mr. Gore waited for loud applause to subside, then deadpanned: "The chair will remind the Senate that boisterous demonstrations are against the rules of the Senate."

The vice president received 90 percent of black voters' ballots in the Nov. 7 election, according to exit polls. Mr. Gore hopes to retain that support as he mulls his next political moves.

Other potential Democratic hopefuls in 2004 such as Gov. Gray Davis of California and Sens. Jo-

seph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, Evan Bayh of Indiana and John Edwards of North Carolina reportedly are, already making contacts with activists in New Hampshire.

In his remarks to the Congressional Black Caucus, Mr. Gore cracked a joke about the incoming president.

"Now this is, of course, a time of great change in our nation's capital," Mr. Gore said.

"For one thing, the country better get ready, because America's about to see some bold new leadership from the state of Texas."

"Of course, I'm talking [about Rep.] Eddie Bernice Johnson, the new chair of the Congressional Black Caucus."

Mr. Gore urged caucus members to help heal the nation's divisions following the 36 days of recounts and court battles.

He called on black lawmakers to help the new president without abandoning their principles.

But a somber Mr. Jackson, who protested the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to halt the Florida recount, suggested divisions run deep.

"We want healing, but there is glass in the wound," Mr. Jackson said in his benediction.

E-mail whistleblower loses appeal

By Jerry Seper
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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A former White House computer specialist, who first revealed that thousands of subpoenaed White House e-mail messages were never turned over to a grand jury, has lost an appeal to reinstate a lawsuit claiming she was illegally demoted.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously refused last month to reinstate a lawsuit by Sheryl L. Hall, who said her 1999 demotion and transfer were the results of challenges she made concerning the legality of a White House database.

Mrs. Hall said in the lawsuit she was forced out because of actions "undertaken at the direction of [first lady Hillary Rodham] Clinton and in retaliation" for complaints she made that the database violated the Hatch Act, which restricts political activity by federal government employees. Mrs. Clinton denied the accusations.

The appeals court panel said Mrs. Hall sought the wrong remedy by basing her lawsuit on a 1971 U.S. Supreme Court case that was precluded by the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act. The lawsuit, which named Mrs. Clinton and the Democratic National Committee, had been dismissed by U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr.

The ruling, returned Dec. 19,

Claimed Hillary ordered retaliation

upheld Judge Bryan, senior judge of the federal court in Alexandria. He was named to the bench in 1971 by President Nixon.

Among her complaints, Mrs. Hall said Mrs. Clinton was not a federal employee with authority to influence her employment. The court did not rule on whether Mrs. Clinton was a federal employee, but said the issue was moot.

"Even if this is true, however, someone with authority to do so made the personnel decisions of which Hall complains, regardless of whether the decisions were influenced by someone without such authority," the appeals court said.

The appeals court ruling also clarified the rights of government employees to sue when they believe their civil rights have been violated. In essence, the appeals court panel said the Civil Service Reform Act determines the employment rights of federal employees, not the 1971 U.S. Supreme Court case.

Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, a conservative public-interest law firm that brought the Hall lawsuit, disagreed with the ruling, saying it "implies that any federal official can violate your civil rights if they act through your boss if you're a civil servant."

He said the firm would "be appealing to the Supreme Court if necessary."

Last year, Mrs. Hall said the White House had hidden thousands of e-mail messages with data on "Filegate," "Chinagate," campaign finance abuses and Monica Lewinsky, all of which a federal grand jury had subpoenaed.

She said the White House covered up the fact that e-mail messages from August 1996 to November 1998 had not been turned over, as required by law, in a bid to delay the investigations into 2001.

Officials at Northrop Grumman Corp., which maintained the computer system under contract, later confirmed that the e-mail messages were missing and some employees had been threatened to keep the information secret.

House investigators eventually said 146,000 e-mail messages were never surrendered.

In her lawsuit, Mrs. Hall said that in November 1993 she "was assigned responsibility for developing the software for a new, taxpayer-financed master database that Mrs. Clinton and the DNC sought to establish for partisan, political purposes, including campaign fund raising for the DNC and the 1996 Clinton-Gore reelection campaign."

When she complained about it to Marsha Scott, who was White House Correspondence Office director, she said Miss Scott told her she "should use her imagination"

to circumvent any legal restrictions."

Mrs. Hall said that after Miss Scott sent a Jan. 26, 1994, memo to Mrs. Clinton and senior presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey describing her as disloyal, her staff was cut by 10 and she was relieved of any further responsibility for developing the database.

After she left the White House, she moved to a Treasury Department computer management job.

In her lawsuit, Mrs. Hall said the retribution followed her refusal to load political campaign-contribution information from the files of individuals to the White House Office Database (WHODB).

In November 1993, she said in the affidavit, Miss Scott "described to me the political nature of some of the information Mrs. Clinton wanted the WHODB to maintain, such as tracking individual's campaign contributions and the political functions for which Mrs. Clinton intended the [computer] software to be used."

"I tried diplomatically to express my reservations about whether U.S. government employees and ... resources could lawfully be used, without violation [of] the Hatch Act, for what appeared to me to be political activity," she said. "It was stated to me, both orally and in writing, that this was the highest priority of the president and Mrs. Clinton, and that Mrs. Clinton needed the WHODB database for the 1996 campaign."

INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin

No stranger times

"I find this exciting," Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, Vermont Democrat, told Inside the Beltway just before yesterday's swearing-in of freshman members of the 107th Congress.

"This is my 13th swearing-in day," he noted. "I told my family on New Year's Day that I wouldn't miss this for anything in the world, considering the uniqueness of this body, the 50-50 Senate split ... and the strangeness of this presidential election."

Sen. Clinton

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat — and, for the next 16 days anyway, chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee — tells Inside the Beltway he intends to seat Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on his influential committee.

"I look forward to getting her on our committee," said Mr. Kennedy, who after Inauguration Day — when Richard B. Cheney is sworn in as vice president and returns control of the Senate to the GOP — will relinquish the chairmanship to Republican Sen. James M. Jeffords of Vermont.

Like the other newly elected senators, Mrs. Clinton is eager to learn her committee assignments. She's expressed interest in education, finance, appropriations and foreign relations, and is awaiting placement from Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Still, as Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi reminded everybody, Mrs. Clinton will "be one of 100 co-equals. She'll have to get used to that."

Lucky 13

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, Sen. Barbara Boxer, Sen. Olympia J. Snowe — even former Rep. Patricia Schroeder — were just a few of the ladies sporting smiles in the U.S. Capitol yesterday.

"There were two women when I came to the Senate," Mrs. Boxer told this columnist before Mrs. Clinton took the oath of office.



Rep. Floyd D. Spence had to wait for his "misplaced" luggage like any other airline passenger.

"Now we have 13, and that's an incredible change. We're on the cutting edge of change."

Mrs. Boxer said if it wasn't for the uniqueness of the 50-50 split between Republicans and Democrats in the Senate, the biggest story of the 107th Congress would be the strides women have made in winning public office.

"Whoever would have known?" added Mrs. Schroeder, who recalled when she first arrived on Capitol Hill and a fellow female member had been defeated, she overheard male members discussing "doing away with one of the [Capitol's] ladies' restrooms."

Wealthy winners

Members of the 107th Congress won election in campaigns funded by one-tenth of 1 percent of all Americans, which makes for a unique body of elected officials: wealthy.

"Majority rule takes on a whole new meaning when the majority of campaign cash comes from one-tenth of 1 percent of Americans," says Julia Hutchins, of the liberal U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

"If candidates were required to raise funds from small donors, more ordinary citizens and less wealthy executives might be taking the oath of office today," she

says.

Approximately 1 in 1,000 Americans (0.13 percent) made a contribution of more than \$200 to a winning candidate in the 2000 election, according to Federal Election Commission records, while maximum individual contributions of \$1,000 accounted for 60 percent of the money raised by winning candidates.

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ZIP codes with the greatest number of \$1,000 donors in the 2000 congressional election: 10021, 10022, 10028, 10128, 10023, 10024 (all New York City); 20007 (the District); 33480 (Palm Beach, Fla.); 22101 (Fairfax) and 90210 (Los Angeles).

C-130 anyone?

The time it took House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Floyd D. Spence, South Carolina Republican, to fly aboard a U.S. Airways nonstop flight from Columbia, S.C., to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Tuesday evening: 97 minutes.

Time the congressman and fellow passengers stood at the U.S. Airways baggage carousel awaiting their luggage, which never showed up: 97 minutes.

The airline, which finally acknowledged it misplaced the "entire" plane's baggage, sent passengers to their homes and hotels, unable to deliver the personal effects until the wee hours of yesterday morning.

SCOFLA

Acronym for the Supreme Court of Florida: SCOFLA (pronounced "scofflaw").

Needless to say, signs and jokes are everywhere.

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107th Congress convenes; Hillary now a senator

Democrats set for Ashcroft's confirmation

By Audrey Hudson
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Some key Democratic senators have resigned themselves to the confirmation of John Ashcroft as attorney general but hope to use the hearings to make a statement about his record and to air complaints from the civil rights community.

"I think his chances of confirmation are pretty good," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, California Democrat. "It will be hard for me to see how he would not be confirmed. I think his chances are good."

Two other Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which will handle the first stage of his confirmation hearings, were sounding similar notes yesterday.

Said Sen. Russell D. Feingold, Wisconsin Democrat: "I certainly assume I will be voting for him, but I will be asking him some good tough questions." Sen. Robert G. Torricelli, New Jersey Democrat, said he will vote in favor of Mr. Ashcroft.

Other Democratic senators on the Judiciary Committee say they will keep an open mind during the hearings before deciding how they will vote.

While Mr. Ashcroft is expected to be confirmed, Republicans and Democrats say

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Family ties: Hillary Rodham Clinton, accompanied by President Clinton and daughter Chelsea, takes the oath of office. Vice President Al Gore presided over the mock ceremony, as well as the official swearing-in.

Photo by Maya Allezuzo/The Washington Times

Pomp and ceremony, football and cowboy boots

By George Archibald
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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The most prominent new Senate Democrat was sworn in yesterday as her spouse — who happens to be the president — beamed from the gallery above, while the top new Senate Republican broke in his temporary office by tossing around a football.

One was surrounded by the

most prominent senators of what members call "the greatest deliberative body in the world," while the other shuffled through the deserted hallways in his cowboy boots hunting for discarded furniture.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Virginia Gov. George F. Allen were among the 11 new members of the Senate, and the two could not have approached the ceremony more differently.

The pomp surrounding Mrs. Clinton and her huge entourage made her the focus of the day for media and spectators — and even other senators — as she became the only first lady ever to win a Senate seat.

President Clinton and daughter Chelsea grasped each other's hands in the Senate spouses' gallery yesterday as Mrs. Clinton was

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Democrats move slightly toward Bush tax-cut plan

By Dave Boyer
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The 107th Congress convened yesterday with Democrats in temporary control of the Senate, Republicans holding their ground in the House and top Democrats moving slightly toward President-elect George W. Bush's \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

With most politicians pledging bipartisanship — but nobody sure how or if it will work — President Clinton watched from a spectator's gallery as his wife, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was sworn in as the junior senator from New York.

Below him on the Senate floor, Vice President Al Gore performed one of his last official duties, presiding as 11 new senators — including George F. Allen of Virginia — took the oath of office. Four of them are women, bringing their total in the Senate to a record 13, the most in the body's history.

"These are certainly historic times," said Sen. Trent Lott, Mississippi Republican, who has lost his status as majority leader in the evenly divided Senate until Jan. 20, when incoming Republican Vice President-elect Richard B. Cheney will hold the tie-breaking vote.

Said the temporary Democratic majority leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, "I assure you I intend to savor every one of the next 17 days."

But as a practical matter, Congress will not take up any new legislation until after Jan. 20, when the GOP again controls both cham-

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called to be sworn in as New York's junior Democratic senator.

Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina quickly added levity to the historic moment.

"Can I hug you?" he roared to Mrs. Clinton after Vice President Al Gore, the Senate's president, administered the oath before the 100-member Senate and overflowing spectator galleries.

The 98-year-old Republican brought down the house as the first lady walked by, giving her a full embrace with both hands on her hips to peals of laughter from the galleries. The president laughed as well.

"The Senate will come to order," the vice president intoned as Mrs. Clinton regained her composure and the next group of four senators was called for the oath.

It was the only time as the new senators and 23 re-elected lawmakers were sworn in that Mr. Gore had to gavel the chamber back to order.

Mr. Clinton and Chelsea walked into the gallery exactly five minutes before the noon ceremony began, shaking hands with family members of other senators and signing a few autographs as they waited in the front row overlooking the Senate chamber.

After the ceremony, the president smiled, proudly and clasped his daughter's hand. Afterward, when asked to describe his mood, he replied, "Ecstatic."

"It's a great day," he said, sporting a tiny campaign button on

tures with the president, who was pensive throughout much of the session.

During part of the ceremony, Mrs. Clinton stood at the back of the Senate chamber conversing with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, ranking Democrat on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. She also warmly greeted the committee's senior Republican, Sen. James M. Jeffords of Vermont, who came by to shake her hand.

"It sank in today, and it felt great," Mrs. Clinton told reporters as she went to a post-ceremony party on Capitol Hill, funded by her campaign committee and attended by an estimated 1,000 supporters. "I'm just in awe of being in the chamber and sitting there, and it just made me feel like it was so right. I can't wait to get to work."

On the other side of the aisle, Mr. Allen's swearing-in — which took place before the first lady's — did not draw the same interest. For the new Republican senator, that was just fine with him.

"I'm going to try to keep my common-sense views where you don't get too tied up in all of the procedures but again try to look at things based on their merits, objectively, and keep my independent sense of things," said Mr. Allen, wearing his trademark cowboy boots.

His laid-back, under-the-radar style was on display throughout the day.

"You've got to break the office in," he said, sounding out the ceilings in his new office with the football, giving dozens of interviews and receiving more than 1,000



Photo by Maya Alteruzzo/The Washington Times

George F. Allen's mock ceremony was one of the few high-profile moments of his first day as senator.

On his quest through the empty hallways, the son of the former coach for the Washington Redskins tossed around a football with the television cameramen interviewing his in-laws, occasionally throwing the ball to family, friends, staffers and anybody who was "open."

In the middle of it all, he found

brings a lot of Virginia with him — in spirit and in "stuff."

While he was being sworn in, he held a Bible given to him by the Virginia General Assembly on his inauguration in 1994 as governor.

Mr. Allen, who defeated Democratic Sen. Charles S. Robb in November, was shepherded through the early part of the day by Sen.

supplies, which was the legislative centerpiece of his campaign.

"There's a responsibility not just to be a puppet, but to be a leader, and I didn't come up here just to be a stump and to just warm a seat. I came up here to get ideas accomplished for the people of Virginia and America," Mr. Allen said.

Mr. Allen even had a chance

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Lowey to Head House Campaign Arm

By JULIET EILPERIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Rep. Nita M. Lowey (N.Y.) will chair the House Democrats' campaign arm for the 2002 election, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) announced yesterday, making her the first woman to hold the post.

Lowey's appointment, which must be approved by the full House Democratic caucus today, means that both the House and Senate Democrats' campaign operations will be headed by women. Senate Democrats chose Sen. Patty Murray (Wash.) as chairwoman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee last month.

Gephardt had pressed the outgoing chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (R.I.), to stay on. Kennedy raised an unprecedented \$39 million for the committee but

stepped down after the November election, citing personal reasons.

Lowey, a seven-term representative from the New York suburbs, is a prominent abortion rights advocate and a prodigious fundraiser. She abandoned a New York Senate bid last year after first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton entered the race, then went on to spearhead a Democratic fundraising program—Women LEAD 2000—that collected more than \$6 million. She raised \$2.5 million for her own reelection during that same period.

Gephardt said that as chair of the DCCC, Lowey would be critical in helping the party regain the majority in 2002.

"Our challenge is to do better than we've done," Gephardt said. "We've just got to improve in all ways: We need to raise more money, recruit better candidates and run better campaigns. She has all the capabilities to do that."

Lowey said that while it is difficult to predict the impact of redistricting on the Democrats' electoral chances, she believed the political environment would favor the party because Republicans now control both Congress and the White House.

"It is very possible the House GOP's true colors will shine through," Lowey said. "In 2002, voters will want to elect a moderate, centrist leadership: the Democrats."

The ascension of two women in the traditionally male-dominated field of fundraising underscores the growing clout of women in political campaigns, according to

Emily's List president Ellen R. Malcolm. Malcolm heads the country's largest political action committee; it funnels individual donations to female candidates who support abortion rights.

"It really shows that women now can raise the big dollars we need in these elections," Malcolm said.

David S. Broder

They Will Be Missed

As the new Congress convenes, let us pause for a moment to honor people whose careers in public office have ended—at least for the moment. Four governors, 10 senators and 39 members of the House are in the group—not counting those who have been elected or appointed to other posts.

No one made a greater difference for his state—and, plausibly, the nation—than Jim Hunt, who was governor of North Carolina from 1977 to 1985 and again from 1993 until now. Hunt transformed the education system, from preschool to postgraduate studies, with reforms that became national models, and he sparked the effort to improve teacher training and certify "master teachers" across the nation. More than anyone in his time, he was Mr. Education.

Marc Racicot, the retired two-term governor of Montana, was a model of another kind. Candid, approachable and instinctively moderate, he was a wise counselor to George W. Bush—and, possibly, the only governor whose home number was listed in the phone book and who answered calls from constituents himself.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York was unique among the retired senators, not because of the bills he passed but because of the force of the ideas he championed. The intellect of the Senate, and, on occasion, its conscience as well, he leaves his successor, Hillary Rodham Clinton, a large pair of shoes to fill.

One of Moynihan's proteges, retired senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, also marched to his own drummer, mocking political convention as he threaded his own path through the issues. Kerrey may well return to politics as a presidential candidate, and if he does it will be a good show.

Two other senators, retired Florida Republican Connie Mack and defeated Virginia Democrat Chuck Robb, were models of civility, as was Republican Sen. Wil-

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She becomes 'Capitol Hill' today

By VINCENT MORRIS
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WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton is sworn in today as New York's junior senator — the first woman to move from the White House to the Capitol — and she'll let the good times roll during a day of parties.

Her husband the president will first watch the swearing-in proceedings from the upstairs gallery that looks out over the floor of the Senate, and then move to the Capitol museum for picture-taking afterward.

Her mother and brother also were expected to attend the ceremony.

But the partying has already begun.

The senator-elect was guest of honor at a bash last night at the 701 Restaurant, five blocks from the White House.

Sponsors included Coca-Cola, the Long Aldridge & Norman law firm, and Clinton pals the Davison family.

Her staff had no details on the how much the party cost.

The good times will keep on rolling today, beginning with a fund-raising party on Capitol Hill at 1:30 p.m. with supporters and friends.

A giant bash at the Mayflower Hotel will be

thrown by New York backer Walter Kaye, the man who got Sexgate siren Monica Lewinsky an internship at the White House, at 7 p.m.

To run her new office, Clinton yesterday hired her first staffer: Tamera Stanton Luzzatto, who worked from 1985 until last year for Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D-W.Va.).

"I am very excited" about her the staffer, Clinton said in a statement.

Luzzatto's "broad knowledge of the issues that matter to New Yorkers, and strong leadership skills, make her the perfect choice for the job."

Although she managed

Clinton's temporary Senate office, Luzzatto initially had no plans for sticking around this year.

But Luzzatto said she was impressed with Clinton's goals and felt comfortable working with her.

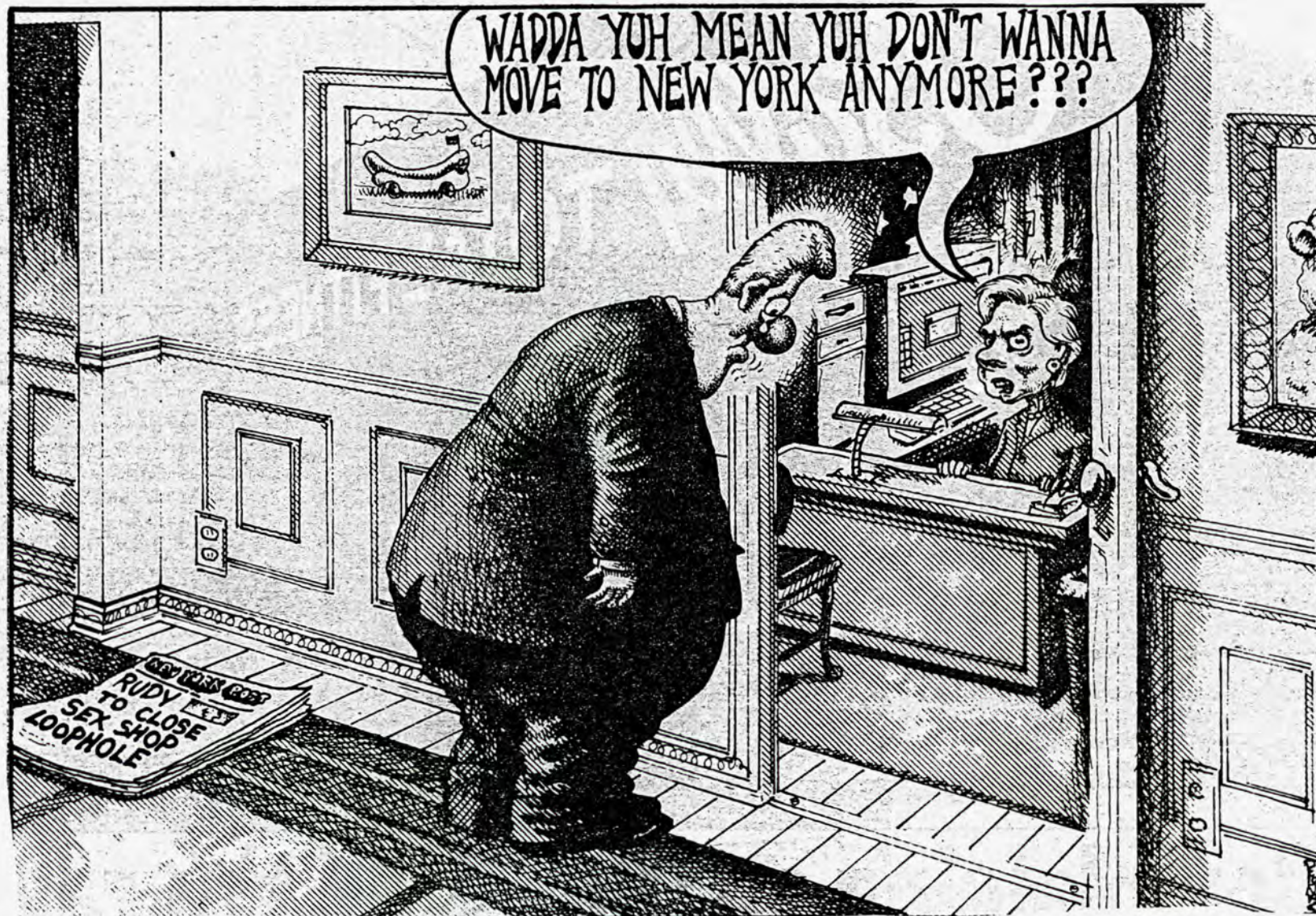
"I was genuinely excited about diving back in," said Luzzatto, 43, the daughter of a minister who was born in Minnesota and grew up in New York.

Luzzatto is a Harvard graduate who was the first woman elected president of the university's Democratic Club. She worked for both Michael Dukakis and Walter Mondale on their failed presidential campaigns.



HILLARY CLINTON
Hires first staffer.

Yesterday, Clinton's cramped basement office was chaotic, with a few young aides opening mail, others working on an Internet connection — and Luzzatto sitting in Clinton's chair. A box of chocolate and nuts that arrived was quickly devoured.

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Inside poop on Casa Clinton

IT'S a small world inside the Beltway. Take the house on Embassy Row that **Bill and Hillary Clinton** closed on last week. D.C. insiders tell me that the Clintons' New York friend, fund-raiser and real-estate broker, Brown Harris acé **Kathy Sloane**, knows the place inside out because it's where her husband, prominent doctor and former Washington health administrator **Harvey Sloane**, was raised. Harvey's mother had the neo-Colonial built in the early '50s.

I'm told this put Kathy, who was the Clintons' liaison with various D.C. brokers, in a unique position to answer all the first couple's questions about the property. Bill, for example, was most concerned about whether the back yard was suitable for dog **Buddy**, who'll be staying on in Washington with Sen. Hillary. (Shall we add "D-N.Y.?" Yes, we have to get used to it.)

Aspen-urine times

Agent Sloane didn't return calls yesterday, but I understand she was involved in hard-nosed negotiations to get the price of the place down from the asking \$3.5 million to the accepted \$2.85 million. And the seller was persuaded to move out almost immediately so that Hillary won't have to bunk with friends or stay in a hotel for long.

Speaking of moving house, I'm told by the most reliable sources that the mystery of where Bill Clinton will go when he departs D.C. on Jan. 20 has been solved. Bill will take that last flight on Air Force One to Westchester and will hole up for a while at the Chappaqua mansion he and Hillary bought last year.

He will come into Manhattan virtually every day — he likes reading the papers during the chauffeur-driven commute — to look at office space, talk to publishers and scout for a *piéd-a-terre*, preferably on the Upper East Side.

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107th Congress set to be sworn in

Hastert to retain his position as House speaker

By John Godfrey
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Members of the 107th Congress will meet today for the first time to be sworn into office.

With Republicans retaining a 221 to 211 majority in the House, Rep. J. Dennis Hastert, Illinois Republican, will be re-elected speaker of the House and both parties have already reconfirmed the rest of their leadership.

In the Senate, where there will be 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans, Democrats will take control for 17 days. The reason? Until the Jan. 20 inauguration, Vice President Al Gore will remain the Senate's presiding officer able to break tie votes, thus making South Dakota Democrat Tom Daschle the Senate majority leader.

Mr. Daschle has already said he will not try to pass legislation or change the Senate's rules while in charge. Instead, spokeswoman Ranit Schmelzer said yesterday, Mr. Daschle will continue to work with Majority Leader Trent Lott, Mississippi Republican, to resolve whether and how to share power in the Senate.

Mr. Daschle and Mr. Lott met for about 45 minutes yesterday morning to continue those discussions. No further meetings have been set, but spokeswomen from both offices confirmed that the two have begun trading proposals.

Mr. Daschle would like to see power shared in the Senate and its committees.

Some Republicans — including Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, Alaska Republican — agree, but it appears most others want at least a one-vote majority in each committee and a Republican as chairman of every committee.

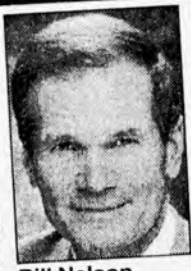
Ms. Schmelzer said if Mr.

NEW SENATE AND HOUSE MEMBERS, 107TH CONGRESS

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Bill Nelson, Florida Democrat



Debbie Stabenow, Michigan Democrat



Mark Dayton, Minnesota Democrat



Jean Carnahan, Missouri Democrat



Ben Nelson, Nebraska Democrat



Jon Corzine, New Jersey Democrat



John Ensign, Nevada Republican



Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York Democrat



George Allen, Virginia Republican



Maria Cantwell, Washington Democrat

House

- Jeff Flake, Arizona Republican
- Mike Ross, Arkansas Democrat
- Michael M. Honda, California Democrat
- Adam B. Schiff, California Democrat
- Hilda L. Solis, California Democrat
- Jane Harman, California Democrat
- Darrell E. Issa, California Republican
- Susan A. Davis, California Democrat
- Rob Simmons, Connecticut Republican
- Ander Crenshaw, Florida Republican
- Ric Keller, Florida Republican
- Adam H. Putnam, Florida Republican
- C.L. "Butch" Otter, Idaho Republican
- Mark Steven Kirk, Illinois Republican
- Timothy V. Johnson, Illinois Republican
- Mike Pence, Indiana Republican
- Brian D. Kerns, Indiana Republican
- Mike Rogers, Michigan Republican
- Mark R. Kennedy, Minnesota Republican
- Betty McCollum, Minnesota Democrat
- William Lacy Clay, Missouri Democrat
- W. Todd Akin, Missouri Republican
- Sam Graves, Missouri Republican
- Dennis R. Rehberg, Montana Republican
- Tom Osborne, Nebraska Republican
- Mike Ferguson, New Jersey Republican
- Felix J. Grucci Jr., New York Republican
- Steve Israel, New York Democrat
- Patrick J. Tiberi, Ohio Republican
- Brad Carson, Oklahoma Democrat
- Melissa A. Hart, Pennsylvania Republican
- Todd Russell Platts, Pennsylvania Republican
- James R. Langevin, Rhode Island Democrat
- Henry E. Brown Jr., South Carolina Republican
- John Abney Culberson, Texas Republican
- Jim Matheson, Utah Democrat
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Or so reads a farewell letter from Socks the Cat published in the final issue of the Socks the Cat Fan Club Newsletter, which to the surprise of founder Jay Wind attracted thousands of subscribers all over the world — Australia to Sweden.

Meanwhile, the first lady's office informed this column yesterday that Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton hasn't decided whether Socks will catch mice in her Colonial home in New York or her Colonial home in Washington.

Ditto on the fate of Bill Clinton and his best friend, Buddy the chocolate Labrador retriever.

Power sharing 1st test in Senate

Opening today, Democrats in control — until Jan. 20

By William M. Welch
and Kathy Kiely
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The closely divided 107th Congress meets for the first time today with Democrats in control of the Senate for 17 days — and threatening to take over confirmation hearings of President-elect Bush's Cabinet.

On the eve of opening-day ceremonies that will feature first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's swearing-in and a host of other historic oddities, Republican and Democratic leaders were still negotiating how to organize the Senate in light of its unprecedented 50-50 split.

Though leaders in both parties say they expect to reach a deal, a lengthy dispute would create enormous potential for partisan acrimony as Bush takes office and introduces his legislative agenda.

"We have the most unusual set of circumstances the Senate has seen in 200 years," says Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle. "I don't think bipartisanship is an option. It's a requirement."

Vice President Gore, defeated for the presidency, will be in position to cast decisive tie-breaking votes for Senate Democrats until Jan. 20. That's when the incoming Republican administration takes office and the new vice president, Dick Cheney, will tip the Senate's balance to the GOP.

During those 17 days, Daschle will be recognized as majority leader. Normally the Senate would not hold formal sessions until after inauguration day, but Cabinet confirmation hearings are scheduled. Daschle says he will cooperate with Republicans during that period but is pressing for a power-sharing agreement to last through 2002. Unless there's a deal, he says, Democrats will take control of confirmation hearings. Even so, actions the Democrats take can be undone after the inauguration.

The opening day will see the installation of the first lady as the junior Democratic senator from New York. President Clinton, who was tried in the Senate on impeachment charges two years ago, will be on hand to watch. Eleven new senators and 41 new House members will begin their terms.

Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who has served as majority leader and expects to resume those duties, reopened negotiations with Daschle on Tuesday. Daschle has pushed for parity in committee memberships, staffs and budgets. Lott says Republicans should control committees.

Until there is agreement, the Senate will not be able to name new committee chairs or fill vacancies with the newly elected members, nine Democrats and two Republicans. That could complicate confirmation of Bush's Cabinet members.

Already, civil rights and environmental groups have promised fights on two of Bush's nominees: John Ashcroft for attorney general and Gale Norton for Interior secretary. A Senate committee's hearing on Bush's appointee for Commerce, Don Evans, is set for Thursday.

Bush adds to Cabinet, 5A



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Senate minority leader now has major role

Power grows in 50-50 chamber

By Kathy Kiely
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — In a chamber of titanic reputations and over-upholstered egos, the man who has suddenly become the pivotal player in the room stands out for what he is not.

Sen. Tom Daschle, 53, has never tried to be one of the Senate's glamorous stars. Slight of stature and soft of speech, the South Dakotan is "incredibly intelligent" but "one of the most underestimated politicians around," says Daschle's pollster, veteran Democratic operative Mark Mellman.

While colleagues with bigger names and bigger constituencies have kept headline writers busy with their sound bites and presidential ambitions, Daschle has spent most of his 14 years in the Senate out of the spotlight and behind the scenes.

All that is about to change. As the 107th Congress assembles today, Daschle is arguably the most powerful Democrat in the nation's capital.

For the next 17 days, the leader of the Senate Democrats will also be the leader of the Senate: With the 100-member chamber evenly divided for the first time in history, Democrats hold the tie-breaking vote as long as Vice President Gore, constitutionally the Senate's presiding officer, remains in office.

On Jan. 20, when Dick Cheney is sworn in as vice president, Daschle will revert to minority leader. But even then, as President Clinton leaves town, Daschle will become the top-ranking



By Stephen Jaffe, Agence France-Presse

Senate Democratic leader: Tom Daschle introduces new senators Dec. 6. From left, Debbie Stabenow, Tom Carper, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Maria Cantwell.

Democrat in Washington. "He is going to become a significant new voice for our party," predicts Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a longtime Daschle friend.

Within the Capitol's marble corridors, the unassuming Daschle already has shown he's a significant political force.

With an empathetic earnestness worthy of a TV doctor and what Dorgan calls "the patience of Job," he has managed to keep his fractious caucus together in the face of even the most intense political pressure. One signal achievement: The fact that no Democrat voted to impeach Clinton, though many were tempted.

Throughout his career, Daschle has

proved he can make the most of a narrow majority. He won his first election, a race in 1978 for South Dakota's congressional seat, by fewer than 150 votes. When he first ran to become the Senate Democrats' leader, in 1994, his victory margin was one vote.

Daschle's leadership bid surprised some of his friends. "I knew he was a hard worker, but I didn't know he'd push himself like that," says another South Dakotan, former senator George McGovern. Daschle quickly won over those who backed his opponent in the race, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn.

"Teddy Kennedy told me six months later he thought Tom Daschle was sur-

prising everybody," McGovern recalled. He also has won the grudging respect of Republicans for the way he has downed their leaders.

Observers say Daschle, who religiously jogs four miles every day — even in South Dakota's subzero winter temperatures — uses the same steady determination to get ahead. His "even temperament inspires confidence," says G. Mitchell, Daschle's predecessor as Senate Democratic leader. "He's like other senators like him."

Daschle has a "nice, self-effacing demeanor that masks an iron determination to see his side succeed," say Marshall of the Progressive Policy Institute, a centrist Democratic think tank.

An amateur pilot and painter who won elections in a Republican state despite what he calls "left-of-center" political leanings, Daschle heeds his own political compass. Against the urging of advisers who have pressed him to more aggressive positions, he has worked for compromises that keep the Democratic caucus together.

In the coming months, Daschle will be working closely with his counterpart on the other side of the Capitol, Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri. Unlike Republican leaders who have worked at arm's length, two are longtime allies. Daschle and Gephardt's presidential bid in 1994.

Now, some are suggesting those ties be reversed. "I very much hope someday consider seeking the presidency," Dorgan says of Daschle.

Daschle is ruling out nothing. "Ambition has been to become a leader," Daschle says. "I don't know what the future holds."

Contributing: Jessica Lee

sunset for Clinton

By DeWayne Wickham

In less than three weeks, Bill Clinton will join the world's most exclusive club: that of living former presidents of the United States.

This loose-knit group requires no dues nor holds regular meetings, but its perks are quite good. Ex-presidents get a nice pension, a government-funded staff and a lifetime Secret Service detachment to speed them through traffic and fend off the paparazzi.

Membership in this club also guarantees admission to yet another clique: the millionaire's club of America.

Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush are all wealthy men. While some were well-off before entering the presidency, they all amassed significant wealth after leaving the White House. From million-dollar book contracts to well-paying corporate-board memberships, high-priced consulting jobs and sinfully large speaking fees, most former presidents cash in on their public service in ways that are the envy of lesser officeholders.

Reagan received \$2 million for a 10-day speaking tour of Japan. Bush received \$80,000 worth of stock for a speech in Japan, which quickly increased in value to \$14 million after the company went public. Carter climbed out of debt and into financial security with the help of money from the 15 books he has written.

Party politics: Sure, but not enough

While former presidents are sure to fatten their bank accounts, what they do to busy themselves after leaving office — and how those efforts are perceived — is far less certain. It's thought that Clinton, relatively young at 54, will remain a force in Democratic Party politics. Terry McAuliffe, the front-runner in the race to become the next chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is said to be Clinton's choice for the job.

But a political power broker's role won't be enough to fill the holes in Clinton's schedule after Jan. 20. Neither, I suspect, will his stewardship of the presidential library and public-policy center he plans in Arkansas.

Clinton is expected to split his time between Washington, Arkansas and New York as he balances his new roles of former president and husband to the junior senator from the Empire State.

While some have suggested Clinton might host a TV talk show, that would be an awful mistake. Instead, he should champion a worldwide campaign to stop AIDS. With the disease shaving decades off life expectancies in many African countries — and threatening to reach epidemic levels elsewhere — Clinton has the stature to lead an international fight against this scourge.

Hands-on reform

That's not all. Clinton has talked often about reforming public education. Once out of office, he should test his ideas in a small school system that could benefit from the attention a former president would bring. With the help of sympathetic foundations and his Hollywood friends, Clinton ought to be able to raise enough money to turn a troubled school system into an educational role model — one with tough standards, involved parents and high-performing students.

Clinton also should continue his work to close this country's racial divide. He is one of a handful of white politicians truly comfortable with African-Americans — and in whom black folks place great trust. Clinton should use this unique position to build bridges of understanding between whites and blacks. If the recent presidential election taught us anything, it is that there's still a lot of tension between the two races.

There are few financial rewards to be gained from doing any of this. More likely, Clinton will find himself back in the eye of the storm if he takes on these challenges. But that's exactly where I think this consummate politician is most comfortable — and where he'll make his mark when he leaves the White House.

DeWayne Wickham writes weekly for USA TODAY.

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Mrs. Clinton Names Insider as Chief of Staff

By RAYMOND HERNANDEZ

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 — A day before she is sworn in as a United States senator from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton today named a veteran Capitol Hill insider as her chief of staff.

Mrs. Clinton's choice is Tamera Stanton Luzzatto, 43, who has for over a decade worked at various jobs for Senator Jay Rockefeller, a Democrat from West Virginia, most recently as his chief of staff.

Ms. Luzzatto is expected to play a central role in helping to develop Mrs. Clinton's legislative agenda and working to get it enacted, as she did for Mr. Rockefeller during the 15 years she worked for him.

In a statement released by her office this afternoon, Mrs. Clinton said that Ms. Luzzatto brought a keen understanding of important policy issues to her new post, primarily in areas like health care, education and the environment.

"Her extensive experience in the Senate, broad knowledge of the issues that matter to New Yorkers and strong leadership skills make her the perfect choice for the job," Ms. Clinton said in the statement.

The announcement came one day before Ms. Clinton is to be sworn into office on the floor of the United States Senate, in the culmination of a political journey that for the first

time in the nation's history saw a sitting first lady run for office. Mrs. Clinton is taking the seat of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

Ms. Clinton, who will be New York's junior senator, will take the oath of office around noon along with

A key role is likely for a longtime aide to Senator Rockefeller.

other Congressional freshman. The oath will be administered by Vice President Al Gore, acting as president of the Senate.

Afterward, Ms. Clinton will attend a mock swearing-in ceremony at the old Senate chamber, where President Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, will be on hand. Then Ms. Clinton will be the host at a reception at the Dirksen Building, across the street from the Capitol, for as many as 1,000 friends and supporters.

The appointment of Ms. Luzzatto is, in part, meant to provide Ms. Clinton with a smooth transition into her new life in the Senate. "She has a deep and serious understanding of

the Senate as an institution and brings a real ability to help Hillary navigate the process," said Howard Wolfson, a spokesman for Mrs. Clinton.

Ms. Luzzatto first went to work for Senator Rockefeller in 1985 as a legislative assistant, focusing on issues from health care to the federal budget. She went on to become the senator's legislative director and then chief of staff. She was also Mr. Rockefeller's top policy adviser when he was chairman of the National Commission on Children.

Her prior political and policy experience includes work on the presidential campaigns of Michael M. Dukakis and Walter F. Mondale.

Ms. Luzzatto, who was born in St. Paul, Minn., got a bachelor's degree in government at Harvard University and was the first woman elected president of the school's Democratic club. The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she grew up in New Rochelle, N.Y., and Manhattan and now lives in Washington.

In a statement, Ms. Luzzatto said she looked forward to helping to shape Ms. Clinton's staff. "I have long admired the work Hillary has done, and I am honored she has chosen me for this position," she added.

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Senators For Life

This is supposed to be the time for bipartisan, uniter-not-divider, working-together reaching-out in Washington. But have you noticed that it's beginning with a whole lot of discussion about which senator's going to die next?

Once again, we are in territory that you could not possibly sell as a pilot for a UPN TV series. It was a pretty good plot twist to have the Senate divided 50-50, but would anybody believe the part about the 98-year-old president pro tem? And a vice president with a bad heart who has to break all the ties?

The Democrats are only one seat away from taking control. No wonder they're looking with intense interest every time a Republican from a state with a Democratic governor sneezes. The Republicans would have every right to be offended if their own majority leader had not playfully suggested that Hillary Clinton might be hit by lightning before she took her seat.

(President Clinton has been telling people that he called Trent Lott to take exception to the lightning comment, and that Mr. Lott claimed it was taken out of context. Mr. Clinton expressed his doubts with a one-word rejoinder that we do not print in this newspaper.)

The senators regard Mr. Lott's remarks as unfortunate, but not as bad as the speculation about whether Senator Strom Thurmond is long for this world. Mr. Thurmond is said to be in good health, except for the fact that he is 98. Since the Senate is full of aging politicians who have no inten-

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tion of leaving, ever, many members are extremely offended by the suggestion that all of them cannot expect to serve until they're 100 as a matter of course.

As president pro tem, Mr. Thurmond (who has twin sisters in their mid-90's) is third in line of succession to the presidency after the vice president and speaker of the House. In a

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Representative Nita M. Lowey of Westchester will become the first woman to head the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

New Yorker Chosen to Lead House Democrats' Campaign

By CHRISTOPHER MARQUIS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 — Democrats have chosen Representative Nita M. Lowey of New York to become chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and oversee the party's efforts to regain control of the House in 2002, officials said.

Ms. Lowey will be the first woman to head the campaign committee, managing fund-raising and strategic planning for House members. In Congress, Ms. Lowey, 63, has used her perch on the powerful Appropriations Committee to defend abortion rights and strengthen laws against drunken driving.

Ms. Lowey, who represents the 18th District, in Westchester County and swatches of the Bronx and of Queens, replaces Representative Patrick J. Kennedy of Rhode Island, who proved an exceptional fund-raiser, securing as much as 10 times more cash for Democrats this year than in recent election cycles. Ms. Lowey's counterpart in the Senate will also for the first time be a woman: Patty Murray of Washington.

Ms. Lowey said the appointments reflected the progress women had made in both fund-raising and campaign contributions, practices long dominated by men.

"We've come a long way," she said in an interview. "There was a time when women couldn't raise the money they needed for campaigns."

Leading a House drive to raise money and retake control of the chamber.

She added that women had also "learned to write checks."

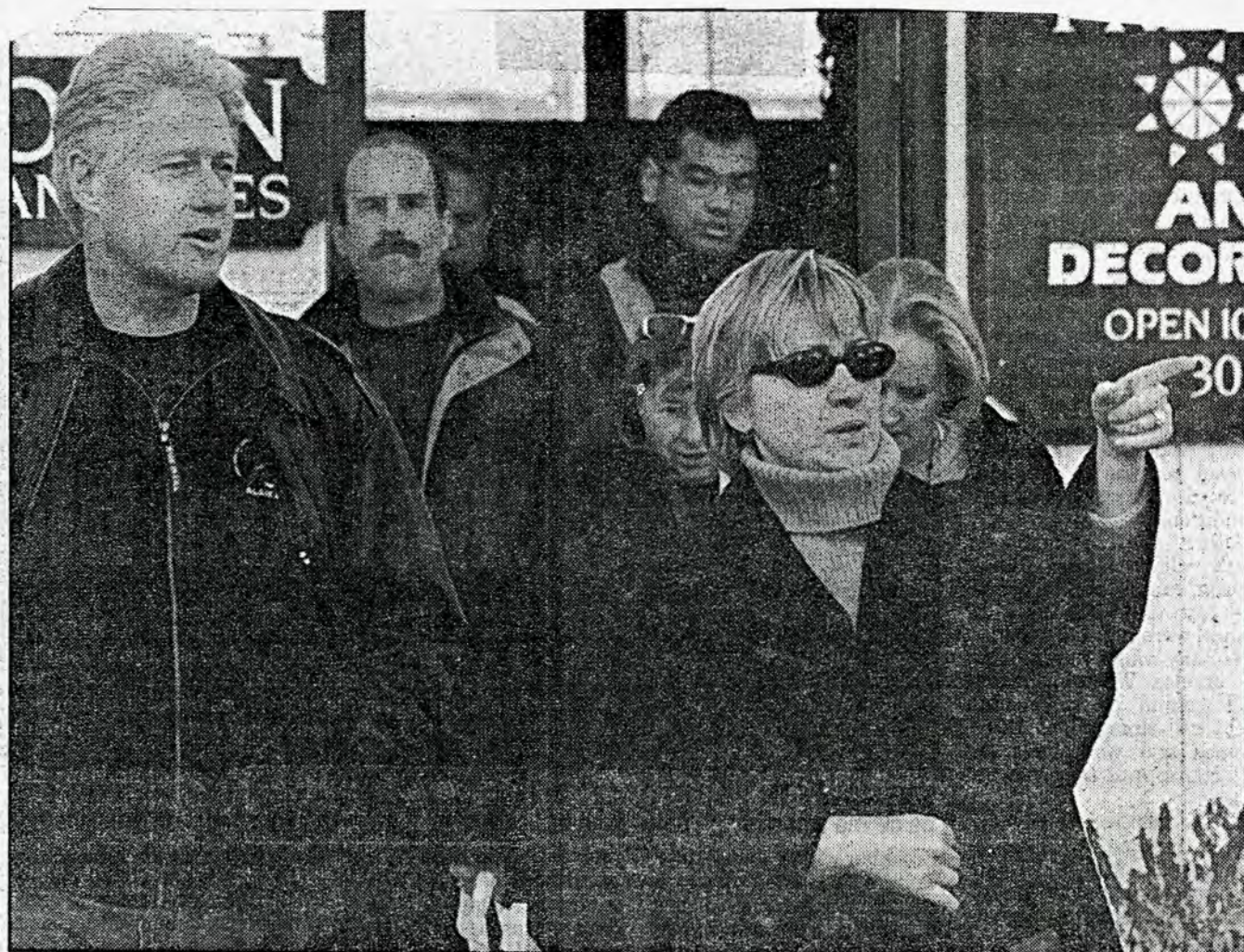
Ms. Lowey said she believed that the political environment would favor House Democrats in 2002, a view espoused by many political analysts. She predicted growing skepticism toward a president who failed to win the popular vote, and strains between conservatives and moderates within the Republican Party.

In November, the Democrats had a net gain of two seats, closing in on Republicans for the third election cycle in a row. Ms. Lowey calculated that in races last fall for five House seats — all that stands in the way of Democratic control — Republican candidates won by 3,000 votes or less.

"I do believe voters will want to return control of the House to a more centrist, moderate leadership," she said.

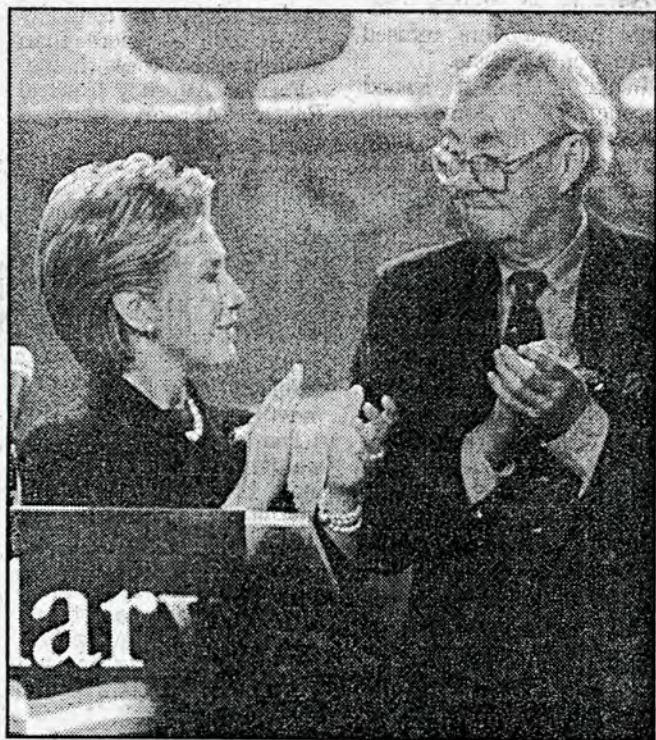
First elected in 1988, Ms. Lowey has been a rising star in the New York delegation. When Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan announced that he would retire this year, she considered a bid for his seat but bowed out when Hillary Rodham Clinton entered the race.

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ON THE MOVE: President and Hillary Clinton, with two homes to furnish, shop for antiques in Maryland. Reuters

Hill getting double swear-in



CLAP-ITOL HILL: Hillary Clinton will replace Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan tomorrow. N.Y. Post: Francis Specker

By BRIAN BLOMQUIST
Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton will be sworn in as New York's junior senator tomorrow, replacing legendary Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan after 25 years in office.

Clinton will make history by becoming the only first lady to ever serve as a senator — and for 17 days she'll hold both titles.

Following custom, Clinton will be escorted into the Senate chamber by the state's senior senator, Charles Schumer, and she'll stand and take the oath along with the other freshmen as it's administered by Vice President Al Gore, who acts as president of the Senate.

After the actual swearing-in session, a "mock" swearing-in ceremony will take place in the old Senate chamber, which is sel-

dom used now except as a tourist attraction.

President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton's family and friends are set to attend the "mock" ceremony, in which Mrs. Clinton will take the oath of office alone and pose for pictures.

Aides say 500 to 1,000 people — including many key New York supporters — will attend a reception in one of the Senate office buildings after the ceremony.

Mrs. Clinton probably won't get a permanent office until sometime this spring. Until then, she and her staff will use a temporary office in one of the Senate office buildings.

Some of Mrs. Clinton's campaign aides are set to come to Washington to work in her Senate office, but she hasn't yet announced any of her hires.

Hillary's Book Deal: A Fine GOP Moment

THERE are times when I am especially proud of being a Republican. Watching GOP leaders respond to news of Hillary Clinton's \$8 million book advance was one of them.

It's easy to imagine what the Democrats would have done. In fact, we already know: When Newt Gingrich got a \$4.5 million advance for writing his memoirs after becoming speaker of the House in 1995, the Democrats went on a witch hunt.

Before it was over, some obscure congressional ethics committee (dominated by Democrat advisers) found that Newt might have committed some obscure tax violation and fined him \$300,000. He had to borrow the money from Bob Dole to pay.

True, the IRS decided more than two years later that Gingrich hadn't violated any tax laws and that everything was completely ethical, but who cares? The story ran in a little box on page 32 and the tainted reputation of Newt's "\$4.5 million book" remained secure.

Since Newt had been under the microscope for imaginary offenses, wasn't it only fair to do the same to the freshman senator from New York?

Payback time? "Two wrongs don't make a right," said Senate Rules Committee Chairman Don Nickles in explaining why he wouldn't be pursuing the matter. "I've got plenty of more important things to worry about," added Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

That's what I like about Republicans. They're not vindictive. We've seen this over and over in recent years. When a conservative spokesperson such as Jeanne Kirkpatrick shows up on a college campus, she is shouted down by protesters — who are in turn de-



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to everyone they "haven't sold out." At the other end of the spectrum, of course, is a heavily African-American population that now revels in their unanimity (93 percent for Gore) and seems content to be cheerleader for the educated elites. ("You Go Girl!" proclaimed the *Amsterdam News* of Hillary's victory.)

But for everyone in between, the GOP formula of hard work, personal responsibility and less government has more resonance. Gore made his first pitch to "working families," but as the election wore on, it became clear that working families were Bush's main constituency. Married folks, people with less than graduate degrees, regular churchgoers — all went strongly Republican.

This is something that media elites never seem to realize — that just because an aspiring parvenu like Newt Gingrich promotes making money doesn't mean he has a lot himself. Often it's just the opposite. As co-author of Gingrich's "To Renew America," I spent two weeks at his suburban Atlanta home in 1995. A more modest little suburban bungalow you'd never want to see. Moreover, this was the first house either he or his wife (the second one) had ever owned. I had to show him how to work his microwave. As a junior professor at obscure Southern colleges, Newt had always lived hand-to-mouth.

Yet it's this appreciation for their own aspirations that makes Republicans so tolerant and respectful of the accomplishments of others. You don't find a paralyzing envy among middle-class people. Entrepreneurs struggling up the ladder understand instinctively that success is not a zero-sum game. The more prosperous people there are around, the better chance everyone has of improving their own lot.

That's why Republicans like myself don't mind at all when a hard-working suburbanite like Hillary Clinton joins Al Gore's "wealthiest 1 percent." Let's be fair — she's earned it.

Besides, when Mrs. Clinton sees how much of that \$8 million is confiscated by the federal and state governments (she wisely avoided New York City residence), maybe she'll understand why we're always talking about trying to cut taxes.

You go, girl!

**Let's be fair
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fended by their college administrators. When Teddy Kennedy speaks at a Christian fundamentalist college in the Midwest, he is greeted with polite applause.

Still, there's more here than good manners. The Republicans are acknowledging Hillary Clinton's right to make a living. This is in keeping with their general attitude toward self-sufficiency. Obscured in the last campaign was the vast shift from the old saw about the GOP having gone from being the "party of the rich."

The Democrats are now the party of the rich and poor; The Republicans are the party of the aspiring middle class. This year, Al Gore won his majorities among people making over \$75,000 and under \$25,000. George Bush won everything in between.

The over-\$75,000s, of course, are mostly the educated elites on the East and West Coasts. As David Brooks pointed out recently in *The Weekly Standard*, these foot soldiers of the Information Age grow rich but still vote Democratic to prove

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Rudy & Judi a mayoral team?

MAYOR RUDY, eschewing any suggestion that he's a lame duck, insists that the best is yet to come during his last year at City Hall. That may be true for Giuliani, but it's a route paved with pitfalls for his inamorata, **Judith Nathan**.

The way I hear it, Rudy intends to involve his new love in the decision-making process. (Shades of **Bill** and **Hillary Clinton**, before it all went sour.) Rudy's attitude is that this is a woman whose counsel he values, and if others don't like it, well, screw 'em.

Nathan, for example, was reportedly closely involved in the negotiations surrounding the overweening Guggenheim Museum's plans for a giant new branch on the East River, near the South Street Seaport. Most of Giuliani's advisers opposed this proposed edifice — and based

on the SoHo Guggenheim fiasco, they should have — but Nathan really loves the concept.

Her presence at City Hall, where she regularly brown-bags it with Hizzoner in his office, is only going to get more overt now that the 24/7 Rudy doesn't have to worry about getting himself re-elected. His key aides may resent it, but they all have their résumés in the mail, anyway.

Actually, I kind of like the idea of Rudy having some female input during his swan-song year. His about-to-be ex-wife, **Donna Hanover**, has been doing her own professional thing for ages, with the result that Giuliani was getting most of his advice from cigar-chomping back-room boys. Pure macho is OK only when you're dealing with the city unions.

GOP not ready to turn off the Powers

By FREDRIC U. DICKER *State Editor*

ALBANY — Top Republicans are privately urging state GOP boss William Powers to stay in office for two more years and not resign as expected, The Post has learned.

"Many people in the party are saying to Bill that they hope he stays because he has the foresight, energy and strength to do what we need to maintain the governor's office," Rep. John Sweeney (Clifton Park) told The Post yesterday.

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stay, and I have heard other leaders of the party say they hope he will stay, including Gov. Pataki, [Senate Majority Leader] Joe Bruno and members of the congressional delegation," said Sweeney, a former executive director of the state GOP and a close Powers friend.

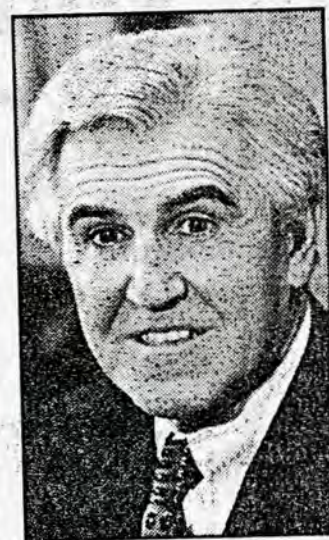
Bruno, the state's second most powerful Republican, told The Post, "There's a widespread view in the party that we would be a hell of a lot better if Bill Powers stays on the job."

"I've introduced him as the best Republican chairman in the country, and I think that's a view shared by most in our party."

Powers, state GOP chairman for the past 10 years,



GOV. PATAKI
Needs someone tough.



JOE BRUNO
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has been expected to resign within the next few months in the wake of a string of stinging Republican defeats, including Rick Lazio's landslide loss in the Senate campaign to Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Powers also came in for some heavy criticism right before the election, when

He's urged to keep running state party

eral months that the governor is ready to replace Powers, possibly with Thomas Doherty, the governor's state appointments officer.

What's more, party insiders say Pataki virtually cut Powers out of many key political decisions during the past year in an effort to convince him to resign.

GOP insiders, however, said the departure of top Pataki political aide Zenia Mucha for a high-level public-relations job at ABC television appears to have made the governor more receptive to retaining Powers.

"Zenia and Bill were at each other's throats half the time, but now with Zenia gone, Bill can have a lot more room to maneuver," said a high-ranking Republican official.

"Plus, the governor is going to need someone who is tough and experienced to be with him through 2002."

Repeated attempts to reach Powers for comment were unsuccessful.

GOP insiders say they expect Powers to make up his mind on remaining as chairman by late winter.



PARTY FAVOR? Despite presiding over several embarrassing losses, William Powers is being asked to remain state Republican chairman. N.Y. Post: Susan May Tell

Washington

Clintons settle on home away from home

By Kathy Kiely
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — An exclusive cul-de-sac in one of the capital's toniest sections turned into a tourist mecca over the holiday weekend, as curiosity seekers checked out President and Hillary Rodham Clinton's latest real estate acquisition.

The Clintons say the \$2.85 million house in Embassy Row, which is described as Washington's most expensive neighborhood, will be their home away from home. A White House statement on Friday that announced the purchase called them "residents of Chappaqua, N.Y.," and said the six-bed-

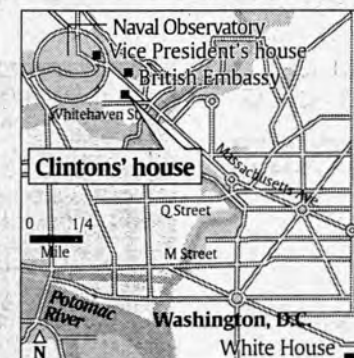
room, 6½-bath house will be for "Mrs. Clinton's use while the Senate is in session."

The first lady will be sworn in as New York's junior senator Wednesday. The family lease on the White House expires Jan. 20.

The Clintons' Washington *pied-à-terre* cost \$1.1 million more than the Chappaqua house they bought in 1999, when the first lady was launching her Senate race.

Even so, it's one of the more modest homes on a block that includes a \$4.5 million residence once owned by the late philanthropist Paul Mellon.

Amenities of the new Clinton home, a 5,500-square-foot dwell-



ing that sits on a one-third-acre lot, include a heated pool and a terraced lawn that leads into an imposing formal garden.

The address, 3067 Whitehaven St., will make the Clintons almost next-door neighbors of Vice President-elect Cheney, whose official mansion will be around the corner.

The Clintons borrowed \$1.9 million to buy the 50-year-old house, the White House said. The Chappaqua mortgage: \$1.36 million.

That's a lot of debt for a couple who owe more than \$4 million in Whitewater-related legal bills.

However, they're likely to earn far more than her \$141,500 Senate salary and his \$157,000 presidential pension.

The first lady is getting \$8 million for her memoirs, and the ex-president should rake in millions for his.



By Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

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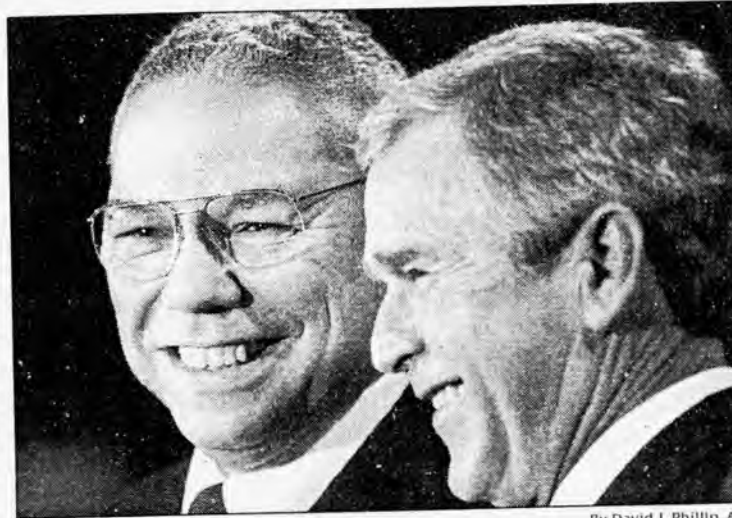
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Pool photo by Kirk McKoy

Ironies in defeat: Candidate Al Gore knows when it's time to go.

Florida's secretary of State and state co-chair of Bush's campaign, cut off every recount in what for Bush was a fortunate confluence of election law and campaign strategy. For her trouble, she endured catty makeup critiques and became untenable for any admini-



By Peter Cosgrove, AP

Recount this: Katherine Harris endures critics' catty remarks.

lot" that confused so many voters. A lifelong Democrat, she lives with the knowledge that she might have cost her party the election.

Dynamic Duo No. 2. Reps. Bill McCollum of Florida and James Rogan of California, impeachment managers who had argued to convict Bill Clinton of high crimes and misdemeanors. McCollum lost a Senate race despite pleading with conservatives to prevent a loss that Clinton could construe as revenge. Rogan lost his House seat after Democrats intent on just such pay-back sank millions into the race.

McCain. The blunt former Vietnam War prisoner rode a well-timed book and his "Straight Talk Express" media bus to a 19-point victory in New Hampshire and six more primary wins before conceding the Republican nomination to Bush. His national standing has never been higher — 34% of all voters described themselves on Election Day as McCain supporters — but it's a bittersweet achievement. With Bush headed for the White House, the 64-year-old senator might have had his first and last shot at the presidency. Possible consolation prize: Congress could finally be ready to pass McCain's long-sought limits on the massive

corral 19% of the presidential vote in 1992. Four years later, he won 8% of the vote, making his Reform Party eligible for federal money in 2000. Then he watched nominee Pat Buchanan take that money — \$12.6 million — and run. Very badly. So badly, in fact, that he left the party in ashes. Count it: barely more than 0% of the vote. So much for Perot's legacy. As they say in the reforms he pioneered in Texas high school athletics: no pass, no play. Give the Reform Party an F. Give one to Buchanan, too.

Ralph Nader. Saint-turned-spoiler, and he didn't even get 5% of the vote that's needed to win federal funds for the next Green Party presidential candidate. Has he managed to make everyone forget that he founded the consumer safety movement? Another legacy in need of serious rehab.

Naomi Wolf. First it seems the feminist author is making \$15,000 a month to give Gore wardrobe advice. Then it turns out she's giving him pop-psych tips, too. After watching macho-man Gore cut and thrust his way through the campaign, does anyone believe he ever needed coaching in how to be an alpha male? Maybe that's why top campaign officials made Wolf the poster girl for frugality, slashing her fee by two-thirds. What Gore needs next time, if there is one: a reincarnated Dale Carnegie.

Jeb Bush. Talk about bad to worse. After losing in 1994, he became Florida governor just in time to be drafted into his brother's campaign for a job many had assumed was Jeb's destiny. He hid his smarts during the campaign and gave no one a chance to compare and contrast. But then he almost let the family honor slip away. George W. survived the Florida fiasco, but Jeb might not. Democrats are livid, and he is a marked man. Even if he

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Jews. Plotzing and kvelling reached new heights among Jews thrilled that one of their own, "Joey" Lieberman, made it onto a national ticket. The Orthodox veep candidate who worked "24/6" (time out for Shabbat) energized Jewish Democrats and showed the country was ready for a devout Jew who talked openly about religion. Irony watch: The Jewish Anti-Defamation League was the first to ask him to tone down the God talk.

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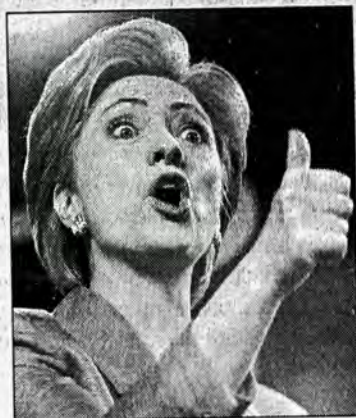
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Losers

Al Gore. Oh, the agony and the irony. The country's top tech nerd, the guy who really was the first congressional champion of the Internet, thwarted by clogged chads on ancient voting machines. The most dedicated environmentalist ever to run for president, tarred as an environmental outlaw by Green



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TV networks. Some took a pounding for shunning October's presidential debates in favor of sports and entertainment. Who knew the worst was yet to come? Rule 1 for Election Night 2004: Don't let the candidate's cousin call the election. Rules 2-10: patience.

Pollsters. Rarely have so many numbers told such conflicting tales. The disparate fever charts gave rise to a torrent of explanations and defenses. Republican pollster Frank Luntz best captured the public mood. "Shoot us all," he said.

Dynamic Duo No. 1. Katherine ("Let them eat chads") Harris, the Marie Antoinette of the Florida saga, and Theresa LePore, the Eeyore of same ("Sometimes he thought sadly to himself, 'Why?'"). Harris,

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President Clinton has been a truly polarizing figure in American politics, and lots of people (including me) were indulging the hope that after he left Washington this month, the partisan temperature of Washington would decline. During his tenure in office, the amount of energy consumed in attacking him and defending him on cable chat shows alone would have been sufficient to fuel the politics of a mid-sized European country for generations. Surely, this level of animosity could not be sustained indefinitely. Surely, a flame burning this bright eventually consumes itself.

Well, maybe not. First of all, Democrats have some mighty hard feelings for Republicans about the 2000 election. Republicans, meanwhile, regard themselves as having busted up a robbery attempt by Al Gore and his lawyers. Each side seems to

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Bubba's back

Bill Clinton has a bright political future

believe one thing absolutely, namely, that the other is completely unreasonable. This is hardly a recipe for comity.

Yet this is not the real reason the partisan temperature may not decline after the departure of Mr. Clinton. The real reason — which, like it or not, everybody is going to have to confront sooner or later — is that Mr. Clinton isn't going anywhere. As Maureen Dowd was perhaps first to note, it looks like Mr. Clinton has every intention of remaining close to the red-hot center of the action in American politics for the foreseeable future — and there is nothing anybody, Republican or Democrat, can do to move him out of it.

We are not talking about anything so fanciful as the repeal of the 22nd Amendment. (And for

those of you who may have forgotten, it doesn't just restrict a president to two consecutive terms; the Constitution says no person shall be elected to the office of the president more than twice, period. Mr. Clinton can't run again. Though come to think of it, he could get to be president again by becoming vice president, then assuming the presidency for the balance of a term uncompleted by the original Oval Office occupant due to death, resignation, removal or incapacity. Hmm.)

Nor is this a matter of a paranoid reading of Mr. Clinton's quip during the Florida recount struggle: "If those two boys can't make up their minds, well, then I'll just stay." Nor of his musing that he could have beaten George W. Bush, if only the Constitution let him.

Let it be stipulated that he likes the job — but that he knows he doesn't get to keep it past Jan. 20.

The Clinton difference is this: Ex-presidents usually have only a political past. Mr. Clinton has a future.

Not as mayor of New York or senator from Arkansas, among other notions currently being bandied about. Rather, as one of the very biggest players in the Democratic party, and not only that but one with an obvious horse in a future bid for the White House: the junior senator from New York and new superstar of American politics, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In the current Washington political environment, Mr. Clinton would of course be the party's most important fund-raiser. And it

is perhaps hard to imagine him observing a discreet ex-presidential silence about the policies of his successor. He was inevitably going to maintain a higher profile. But in the advancement of the political career of his wife, Mr. Clinton has what most ex-presidents have not had: an ongoing political project.

The Clintons are both, of course, political creatures to the core. And there has always been a sense in which his advancement fulfilled her ambitions as well.

But her political ambitions were hardly coterminous with his ability to run for office — and vice versa. As his political career was once hers, so hers is now his. "Buy one, get one free," as she famously said a long time and another world ago, in 1992. Put another way, it is unlikely that as Hillary Clinton ponders when the moment is right to make her move, Mr. Clinton is going to be baking cookies.

I (among others) have often won-

dered about which 2000 electoral outcome was uppermost on Mr. Clinton's mind from the point of view of enhancing his legacy: Would it be the elevation of his hand-picked successor, Vice-President Gore, to the White House? Or the return of a Democratic majority to Congress, thus implicitly repudiating the GOP effort to remove him?

Oh, the paucity of my own imagination such musing reveals. Of course, Mr. Clinton's top political priority for 2000, perhaps if necessary to the exclusion of all others, was neither a Democrat in the White House nor a Democratic Congress. All along, it was Mrs. Clinton's election to the Senate.

Legacy? Mr. Clinton is not ready to look back, not if he doesn't have to — certainly not, as now, when the possibility of a bright political future beckons.

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Sharing the pain

The Clintons, or so we've been continuously reminded over the last couple of years, couldn't begin to pay off the \$11 million in legal expenses they incurred battling myriad scandals engulfing the White House.

So, they appealed to Americans to foot the bill.

Californians doled out the most money — more than \$1.5 million — after the Clinton Legal Expense Trust was established early in 1998.

New Yorkers forked over the second-highest amount, about \$800,000, followed by residents of the Washington metropolitan area, who gave more than \$600,000. And it wasn't just the upper crust writing "sympathy checks," which totaled some \$7 million.

Here in the nation's capital, records revealed that bellhops to college professors opened their hearts — and wallets — for the Clintons.

Now, considering the \$8 million advance Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton has just landed for her memoirs and the millions of dollars President Clinton stands to gain for giving speeches in the coming years, not to mention the multimillion-dollar mansions the Clintons have purchased in New York (\$1.7 million Dutch Colonial) and Washington (\$2.85 million brick Colonial), one has to wonder how much "Clinton compassion" these sympathizers are feeling today.

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Antiquing First Family

The scene in Frederick, Md.'s, historic downtown picked up with the visit of President Clinton and the first lady during an antiquing jaunt New Year's Eve afternoon.

The Clintons, who just announced that they're buying a house in Northwest Washington, visited antique stores specializing in furniture and other household items. The first couple was joined by their daughter, **Chelsea**; **Hillary Clinton's** mother, **Dorothy Rodham**; Hollywood producer friends **Linda Bloodworth-Thomason** and **Harry Thomason**; and Bill Clinton's brother **Roger**.

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BY HYUNGWON KANG—REUTERS

A shopping first couple in Frederick, Md.

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Farewell, Pat Moynihan

Tomorrow is Daniel Patrick Moynihan's final day as a United States senator. The Senate is the poorer for it — as is New York state.

The retirement of New York's senior senator after 24 years in office is a loss not just for the Empire State, but for the nation. And it marks the end of a career that began in the administration of Gov. Averell Harriman, was marked by service to four presidents and has to be reckoned one of the most remarkable in the history of the Senate itself.

Not that Moynihan is going into seclusion. Far from it: He will be a lecturer at Syracuse University, and there is talk that President-elect Bush may tap him to co-chair a committee to chart the course of Social Security reform.

And, of course, he'll continue to write — he's already at work on his 19th book.

Still, it's worth taking a look at Moynihan's spectacular career. Far more than the individual highlights — he's the only person, for example, to have served in the Cabinet or sub-Cabinet of four different presidents — is his role as definer of the public discourse.

Simply put, Pat Moynihan — more than any other American — has charted the course of this nation's political debate. He anticipated coming issues long before anyone else — and he has defined them articulately with informed and incisive logic, well before the rest of the body politic caught on.

The authoritative "Almanac of American Politics" describes him as "the nation's best thinker among politicians since Lincoln and its best politician among thinkers since Jefferson."

Bold words, but true.

Moreover, Pat Moynihan has been willing to defy convention and political niceties. He exemplifies the phrase "the courage of his convictions."

And those convictions often have been courageous. It was back in 1965 that Moynihan first warned of the seductive nature of welfare American-style, excoriating the revolving cycle of dependency that often spanned generations.

For that, he was excoriated as unsympathetic to the plight of the poor, even racist — as he was similarly labeled when he raised the related issue of the disintegration of the black family and predicted an impending crisis of widespread illegitimate births.

Nor were his warnings a mere intellectual exercise. As senator, Moynihan authored the first comprehensive welfare-reform bill in 1987 — one designed to move recipients onto the workforce.

Thanks to Pat Moynihan, it is now accepted that welfare must not be a permanent condition, but rather temporary assistance — or else it will destroy those whom it was meant to assist.

On this and other issues, Moynihan sounded the alarm — and then played a leading role in effecting a change.

As far back as his first run for public office, in 1965, Moynihan was a visionary when it came to articulating the importance of the troubled American city. As The Post said at the time: "Few pub-

lic officials have shown comparable grasp of the forces that have placed the remaking of our cities at the top of the agenda of domestic politics."

Indeed, that unrivaled grasp of the real priorities has been a hallmark of Pat Moynihan's career. When Bill and Hillary Clinton charged full steam ahead with their ill-advised health-care program — and White House aides smirked privately about how they would "roll right over" Moynihan — the senator had other ideas.

With just one deft phrase — "boob bait for the bubbas" — Moynihan helped demolish the Clintonite program.

On crime, Moynihan during his first term wrote tough legislation calling for mandatory minimum sentencing and abolition of parole — decades before these positions became national policy.

From the beginning of his first term, Moynihan kept track of the state-federal balance of payments — noting that New Yorkers send far more money to Washington than they get back.

It's been a difficult cycle to reverse, but Moynihan helped things considerably

by sponsoring the landmark ISTEA transportation bill, which steered more aid to transit-heavy New York and also reimbursed the state for billions spent on construction of the New York State Thruway a half-century ago.

On foreign affairs, Moynihan was a bastion of support for Israel — a position he championed going back to his days as America's outspoken U.N. ambassador under Gerald Ford. In 1984, he wrote the first bill recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

He stood forthrightly against terrorism — and Americans who supported it — in Northern Ireland. He won support for a cutoff of U.S. aid to countries that parrot anti-American rhetoric at the U.N.

And as early as 1979, Moynihan foresaw the demise of Soviet communism.

But looking far ahead — and honestly assessing the present — have both been Moynihan specialties.

Seven years ago, his historic article, "Defining Deviancy Down," inspired the movement to reverse New York's downward-spiraling quality of life that came to fruition under Mayor Giuliani.

He was criticized in some quarters for that speech. But, as usual, he had told uncomfortable truths. All of this is not to suggest that Pat Moynihan was a renegade Democrat. Far from it — as senator, he was, on many issues, an orthodox liberal. And he could often disappoint — such as when he refused to break ranks with his party on Clinton's impeachment, despite earlier harsh criticism of the president.

But he was, in most respects, the Senate's teacher. "Most people in public life only leave a footprint on the landscape," said his former colleague Al D'Amato. "Pat Moynihan has changed the terrain. He leaves monuments in his path."

Indeed he does.

He shall be missed.



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**Around
the nation****First family shops
for antiques**

FREDERICK — The president and first lady, days after their purchase of a \$2.85 million home in the District, shopped for antiques yesterday afternoon before returning to Camp David for New Year's Eve.

The Clintons visited antique stores specializing in furniture and other household items on a trip beginning about 2 p.m. in Frederick's historic downtown.

They were joined by their daughter, Chelsea; Hillary Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham; Hollywood-producer friends Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and Harry Thomason; and Molly Clinton, the wife of President Clinton's brother, Roger.

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New Year's resolutions are a bad idea. There's no way I will lose 20 pounds and keep it off, get through Gibbon's "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," or plant the imported tulip bulbs that have been sitting in my vegetable bin for the last two years. After years of compiling lists of things I want to accomplish in the next year, I've decided on a far more modest agenda. Following are five mistakes I hope not to repeat in 2001:

(1) Buying high, selling low: Having discovered the joys of technology stocks and online trading last December, I have managed, over the last year, to ensure I will never

New Year's resolutions

be able to retire. Unlike Hillary Clinton, whose careful reading of the Wall Street Journal a few years ago helped her turn a thousand dollar investment into \$100,000, I have reduced my retirement fund by about a third by taking control of my own portfolio. Thankfully, I've now forgotten my online password, which means I won't be able to buy any more shares at their 52-week high or sell them just before the company disappears off the Nasdaq.

(2) Naming the dog after a former president: What seemed like a

great moniker for a 12-week-old pup sounded a bit foolish months later when I stood in my front yard at 3:00 a.m. yelling "Reagan" at the top of my lungs. Then there was the problem of finding a place to board Reagan when I went out of town. It turns out the only kennel in the area is run by a Reagan-hating Democrat. Or worse yet, I never could get the terrified UPS man to believe that the snarling, 75-pound beast who would keep him at bay on the front porch would back off if he'd just say: "Sit, Reagan, sit." After nightmares of mauled neigh-

bors and million-dollar lawsuits, I've sent Reagan back to his breeder — who, I hope, will find a good Republican home for him.

(3) Driving a pick-up to work in the city. I have discovered a new form of discrimination: prejudice against people who drive trucks. No pick-ups need apply when it comes to finding a parking place in D.C., or any major city, I suspect. My truck is no larger than the humongous SUVs I see wheeling into underground garages all over the city. But whenever I pull into a lot, the attendant looks at me like I was driving a Sherman tank, before informing me the garage doesn't take "oversized vehicles." I've spent hours looking for spaces on

the street and pleading with unsympathetic garage managers to rent me a space, to no avail. I guess it's time I traded in the truck for a sedan.

(4) Putting a TV in the kitchen. It seemed like a good idea, until the Florida recount. I've never been much of a TV viewer, except for the evening news, so putting a TV set on the kitchen counter where I could cook and watch the news simultaneously made sense. Then came the election — all five weeks of it — and my one-hour-a-day viewing turned into 16. With all those hours in the kitchen I cooked up a storm — elaborate breakfasts, lunches and dinners — not to mention midnight snacks as we listened

to pundits rehash the days' events. In 33 years of marriage, my husband has never eaten so well. Now both of us need to go on a diet.

(5) Believing my husband when he tells me not to buy him anything for Christmas. I should have known better. Every time we have an agreement not to exchange gifts, he cheats and buys me something special. Next year when he says there's nothing he wants, I'll know it means I should run out and buy him a 60-inch-screen entertainment center or maybe a hot tub or a snowmobile.

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An article on Saturday about the contract signed by President Clinton and Senator-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton to buy a home in Washington misspelled the surname of the White House spokesman. He is Jake Sievert, not Siewart.

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Clinton takes pulpit with grace

Thanks church for providing 'peace,' 'comfort,' 'strength'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taking the pulpit in his expected final church visit as president, Bill Clinton thanked congregants yesterday for their prayers and welcome to his family "in the storm and sunshine" of the past eight years.

He also used his 13-minute sermon at Foundry United Methodist Church — "Reflections and Anticipations" — to look back on his tenure and ahead to life as a private citizen.

"In the years ahead, America may have presidents who do this job better than I have. But I really doubt we'll ever have another one who enjoyed it more than I have," the president said to laughter among the worshippers, who included wife Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea.

The president said his visits to the church were a welcome respite from the Oval Office. "You cannot imagine the peace, the comfort, the strength I have drawn from my Sundays here," he said, often going long stretches without looking at

his notes.

J. Philip Wogaman, the church's pastor, was one of three ministers, who, in Mr. Clinton's words, "have shared the burden of meeting with me on a weekly basis" in counseling sessions since the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Mr. Clinton said the Foundry services helped "to remind me that no matter what was going on in Washington, D.C., at this moment, there was a real world out there, with real people and real hearts and minds."

Before reaching the 186-year-old church's pulpit, Mr. Clinton exchanged backslaps with Mr. Wogaman, whose sermons often touched on politics.

Mr. Clinton thanked the congregation for being "a true community church" and for its "constant support" of his peacemaking efforts around the globe.

He was more lighthearted as he looked toward the future.

"I look forward to finding out whether John Quincy Adams was right when he said there is nothing

so pathetic in life as an ex-president, or whether, instead of his words, the life of John Quincy Adams and the life of Jimmy Carter prove exactly the reverse," Mr. Clinton said.

And how will life change:

- No more trips on Air Force One. "I anticipate that my Christian bearing will be tested by a return to commercial air travel — where I will reap the rewards of not having succeeded in one of the things I tried very hard to do, which was to end all those backlogs."

- Less pomp and circumstance. "I anticipate that for some several months I will be disoriented when I walk into large rooms, because no one will be playing a song anymore."

- The chance to make big money. "I will try every day to remember, as apparently for the first time in my life I will be able to earn a sizable income, that Christ admonished us that our lives will be judged by how we do unto the least of our neighbors."



President Clinton talks with the Rev. Paul Vali as he and first lady Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton leave the Foundry United Methodist Church in the District yesterday. The Rev. Walter Shropshire Jr. is between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Vali and the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, the church's pastor, is at right.

Auspicious beginning

In the New York U.S. Senate race, Hillary Rodham Clinton's most vigorous attack ad chided her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, for missing votes in Congress.

So how did her first day in the Senate go?

With a missed vote.

The senator and first lady was not at the Capitol on Friday for a vote on the first major piece of business in the 107th Congress — a power-sharing agreement in the Senate that gave each party an equal number of committee seats.

According to the Associated Press, Mrs. Clinton was with her husband at a White House event in Virginia when the vote occurred.

But on Oct. 11, Mrs. Clinton's campaign began running a 15-second ad that began, "Recently Rick Lazio skipped 59 of 60 votes in Congress," based on votes taken in Congress between Sept. 7 and Oct. 8, the height of campaign season.

Among the votes named in the ad were financing for 100,000 new teachers and the Violence against Women Act.

In fairness, the vote that Mrs. Clinton missed Friday was a formality that most lawmakers missed, since the party leaders already had hammered out the agreement. No harm, no foul, right? However, that was exactly what Mr. Lazio said about his missed votes.

His spokesmen pointed out that the three bills Mrs. Clinton's ad named passed by margins ranging from 21 votes to 412 votes. They added that Mr. Lazio had a 99 percent voting record during his first term in Congress, 98 percent in his second term, 97 percent in his third term and 99 percent in his fourth term before entering the Senate race in May.

But at the time, Mrs. Clinton was taking no excuses; voting was a principled matter of "doing your job" and "showing up for work."

Howard Wolfson, her communications director, told the New York Times during the campaign that "Congressman Lazio is trying to tell New Yorkers that he is an effective legislator for New York, and he has stopped doing his job. . . . He has put his own career and ambitions ahead of New York."

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Leasing to Dubya

Moving vans are pulling up to the White House, where the mansion's staff are busy boxing up the personal effects of President and Mrs. Clinton for what will be at least a four-year absence for the couple.

Of course, should the Clintons ever return to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., it shall be Hillary Rodham Clinton wearing the boots, with her husband relegated to the

Washington spouses' club.

As for Mr. Clinton's administration, the Capitalist Conservatives have helped us summarize the president's two tumultuous terms in the White House. Somewhere in it all (and by no means is this list complete) is a legacy:

- Whitewatergate
- Cattlegate
- Nannygate
- Helicoptergate
- Haircutgate
- Travelgate
- Gennifer Flowergate
- Filegate
- Vince Fostergate
- I Wonder Where Those Whitewater Billing Records Came Fromgate
- Joycelyn Elders Masturbategate
- Paula Jonesgate
- Federal Building Campaign Phonecallgate
- Lincoln Bedroomgate
- White House Coffeegate
- Drug Dealer Donationsgate
- Buddhist Templegate
- Web Hubbellgate
- Lippogate
- Chinesegate
- Blame Kenneth Starrgate
- Right-wing Conspiracygate
- Zippergate (Monica)
- Lewinsky Jobsgate
- Perjurygate
- Kathleen Willeygate
- Los Alamosgate
- Wag-the-Doggate
- Juanita Broadrickgate
- PBSgate

- Bomb the Aspirin Factorygate
- Eleanor Roosevelt's Ghostgate
- Hillary's Memoir Advancegate

Irregulars hold clout in divided Senate

By Sean Scully
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

In a normal year, the handful of mavericks, eccentrics and label-defying swing voters in the U.S. Senate would be a mere curiosity, good for the occasional wry news article or sardonic joke.

But with the chamber split evenly between the political parties for the first time in its history, each member of this swing caucus is suddenly a very hot property in Washington.

"Neither side has the majority, so it has sort of a freeing quality to it," said Sen. Russell D. Feingold, Wisconsin Democrat and one of the likely swing votes. "Of course there will be times when people say, 'Let's just hold the line,' but I think it sort of frees us up to exercise our own judgment as senators in a way that is unusual."

Mr. Feingold is often a solidly liberal voice in the Senate, but he has been known to break ranks dramatically to vote with conservatives on fiscal and budget-cutting issues. He was also one of only a handful of Democrats to publicly waver on the Clinton impeachment trial, although he ultimately voted in the president's favor.

In recent years, more Republicans than Democrats have routinely broken ranks. It's too early to tell whether that trend will continue. The 2000 election dramatically changed the makeup of the Senate, with 10 new faces in the chamber — eight Democrats and two Republicans. One other Democrat, Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, took office

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just months before the election after being appointed to replace Republican Sen. Paul Coverdell, who died last year.

"On our side there's always been five to seven [regular crossover voters]," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, Kentucky Republican. "I think that's probably still the same" in the wake of the 2000 election, when Republicans lost four seats.

"On the other side, I am less clear," he said. "They've had a pretty high level of unity, frequently haven't split off at all, so it will be interesting to see."

Realizing their potential power, centrists of both parties have tried to establish a stable caucus. By meeting regularly and trying to set some common goals, organizers hope to exert some coherent influence in the Senate and prevent the process from breaking down into a bidding war for a handful of key votes.

"We're trying to avoid a situation where we have just one or two people from each side to become swing voters," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, Maine Republican and a member of the Republican Main-street Partnership, a centrist club. "That doesn't provide a solid foundation for the legislation."

Mrs. Snowe co-chairs the centrist group with Sen. John B. Breaux, Louisiana Democrat. Their first meeting, last month, drew 26 senators from both parties. Mrs. Snowe said she hopes to have as many as 40 members attend the weekly meetings of the coalition.

Realistically, members say, neither side is going to have an easy time building stable bipartisan coalitions. The issues before Congress are too diverse and the hard feelings between the parties, particularly over impeachment and the presidential elections, are too

SWING VOTERS IN THE SENATE

Republicans



Lincoln Chafee, Rhode Island — has continued his late father's tradition of staking out the most liberal record among Senate Republicans.

Thad Cochran, Mississippi — a solid conservative who surprised his colleagues this week by throwing in his lot with Sen. John McCain on campaign-finance reform.

Susan Collins, Maine — sides with Democrats on education and pro-choice legislation.

Peter G. Fitzgerald, Illinois — After being tagged a right-wing extremist during his 1998 campaign, he has confounded expectations by charting an independent course in his first two years.

James M. Jeffords, Vermont — chairman of the Education Committee, he has never had a taste for the more confrontational conservatism of some of his fellow Republican leaders.

John McCain, Arizona — has broken with party leaders on campaign-finance reform and regulation of cigarette companies.

Gordon H. Smith, Oregon — has made a point of cooperating with his fellow Oregon senator and one-time bitter rival, Ron Wyden, a Democrat.

Olympia J. Snowe, Maine — leader of the bipartisan centrist club that hopes to forge a solid coalition of swing voters.

Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania — unpredictable and independent voice who sometimes crosses party lines. Opposed impeachment of President Clinton and supported Democratic hate-crimes legislation.

Democrats



Evan Bayh, Indiana — normally a party loyalist, he will occasionally break with Democrats on tax cuts and crime issues.

John B. Breaux, Louisiana — the most conservative Democrat in Congress; he was widely mentioned as a possible Cabinet pick for George W. Bush. Co-chairman of a centrist coalition with Mrs. Snowe.

Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia — the sometimes unpredictable elder statesman of the Senate usually values process and tradition above party label.

Max Cleland, Georgia — the disabled Vietnam veteran can be counted on to take a conservative line on defense and veterans issues.

Russell D. Feingold, Wisconsin — although usually a solid liberal, he has a

will be with you on one issue and another group is going to be with you on another issue."

Republicans managed to fracture Democratic Party unity several times in recent years. They convinced nine Democrats to back repeal of the estate tax despite President Clinton's veto threat, for example, and rounded up 14 Democratic votes to ban partial-birth abortion, despite the vehement opposition of the president, party leaders and key party interest groups.

Of the 100 members of the chamber, there is a standard cast of about 20 senators who can be counted upon to cross party lines at least occasionally. The most frequent swing voters are Republicans, largely liberals and centrists from the Northeast who have little taste for the more confrontational style of conservatives from the South and West.

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, are traditionally better at maintaining party discipline and have fewer regular swing voters. Democrats managed to maintain absolute unanimity through the impeachment trial of Mr. Clinton, for example, despite the clear dislike many lawmakers had for the president and the dismay many felt over his behavior.

There are, however, a few Democrats who will cross party lines, particularly those from conservative-leaning states in the South. Most prominent is Mr. Breaux, the most conservative Democrat in the Senate, who has championed ideas popular among Republicans, such as revisions of the Medicare system.

Mr. Breaux was widely rumored to be in the running for a Cabinet position in the Bush administration, and he met privately with Mr. Bush in Texas last month.

In the end, Mr. Breaux said he would prefer to remain in the Senate, saying he could be "more useful" to Mr. Bush in that position. It's not clear whether Mr. Bush ever formally asked him about a



Sen. George F. Allen

party lines except perhaps on very narrow issues — Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Maria Cantwell of Washington, Jon Corzine of New Jersey, and Mark Dayton of Minnesota.

Some others might be more willing to cooperate with Republicans. Sens. Bill Nelson of Nebraska and Tom Carper of Delaware, as well as Mr. Miller, all served as governors, a position that often produces legislators more willing to compromise or take independent stands.

On the Republican side, former Virginia Gov. George F. Allen has also joined the Senate. Although he is quite conservative, he has said he expects to make common cause with Democrats, particularly his fellow former governors. He also has considerable experience in dealing with a closely divided legislature, since the General Assembly was nearly tied throughout his governorship.

Then there's Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, Connecticut Democrat, who has made a career of staking out conservative positions on social issues that are closer to Republican themes than Democratic ones. He is a harsh critic of

Feminine style suits first lady

History smiles on the conservative look of Laura Bush

By Olivia Barker
USA TODAY

If George W. Bush's presidential Cabinet looks eerily familiar, his wife's clothes cabinet is a downright throwback.

Her feminine, tailored skirt suits and modestly stacked pumps are

Mayo, curator emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution's first-ladies exhibit, "unless you're Jackie (Kennedy), who sort of got away with it," and everybody loved her, anyway.

Browsing for a coat on a snowy day in midtown New York, Grace Richter, 59, cinches the dichotomy at the waist: "Mrs. Bush is well-dressed and still professional."

Richard Nixon paid his wife a politically savvy compliment when he said she wore a "Republican cloth coat." That is, she wasn't "dolloped up in fur or anything," says Valerie Steele, acting director of the museum at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology. "Nothing flashy. Conservative, but not like what rich people would wear."

On the other sleeve, Mayo points out, Nancy Reagan was vilified for all that red Adolfo she wore until midway through her husband's first administration, when she began openly poking fun at herself as the queen of conspicuous consumption.

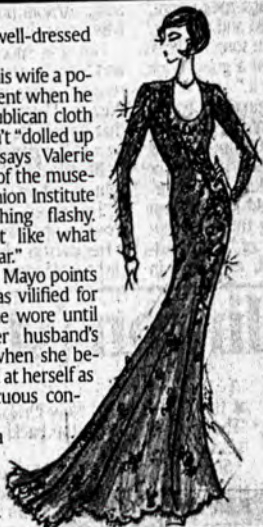
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First-lady-like: (Clockwise from left) Laura Bush was muted next to Bill Clinton's last month at a White House tea. Mammie Eisenhower, above, in her 1957 inaugural finery. Bush wore skirted, patterned suit for her husband's victory speech. And Michaela's sketch of Laura Bush's inaugural gown.



more Mammie Eisenhower than modern woman. And perhaps nowhere was the contrast made more vivid than at a White House tea last month, when incoming first lady Laura Bush, in a discreet lavender-and-brown plaid suit, clasped hands with outgoing first lady Hilary Rodham Clinton, in a black pantsuit and hot-pink blouse.

Since her national debut months earlier, when Laura Bush emerged at the Republican National Convention in a pistachio silk suit, trendy designers and fashion-conscious voters have cried out, "Get thee to Donna Karan." Still other style scrutinizers say her classic, if not anachronistic, look is eminently first-lady-like, and thoroughly Bush-like.

But Bush, like all soon-to-be first ladies, faces a typical conundrum: how to dress elegantly enough for the state dinner circuit without alienating the very folks who voted for her husband. Politics and history, it seems, are as delicately embroidered into first-lady style as sequins and beads.

"It's a tightrope walk," says Edith

Laura Bush

Kidwell, costume curator for the first-ladies exhibit.

So first-lady fashion is like a pregnant chad — full of possibility yet ultimately a conservative choice.

"I think that Washington wives should look frumpy and fairly uninteresting," says Simon Doonan, creative director for Barneys New York. "They look dreary, and that's how they're supposed to look — dreary and serious. If they started wearing outrageous (John) Galliano outfits, we would start to question their credibility."

Fashion writer Carrie Donovan is a tad more circumspect: "She looks very proper, very American, very discreet, and there's nothing wrong with that. The Bushes are not terribly recognizable, and that's just fine."

Princess Diana's forays into fashion "only added to the impression that maybe she was superficial," says Doonan, who then admonishes: "Figures of state and political wives, stay away from fashion! Likewise, maniacal stylists and makeover mavens, leave them to

been designing much of Laura Bush's formal wardrobe since she became Texas' first lady six years ago. Ensembles that have provoked oohing and aahing (or wincing) include the recently unveiled red lace-and-silk gown she'll don for next week's Inaugural Ball and the high-buttoned, blue-and-black patterned skirt suit she wore for her husband's victory speech.

"Mrs. Bush is not very fond of shopping," says Faircloth, who acknowledges he's no trendsetter. "She's very elegant, very clean and understated and not the least bit fussy. She doesn't want anything to give her a struggle; no scarves, no superfluous details on suits. Her accessories are very few and well selected."

A 54-year-old former librarian from Midland, Texas. Subtle. Reserved. "She's very much in the tradition of Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower, where your loyalty and sense of quiet devotion is seen as a national asset," says historian Doug Brinkley, a presidential biographer and director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies

clothes and jewelry out of Paris without declaring the cache. U.S. Customs officials in Atlanta promptly slapped her with a \$4,100 fine. And Laura Bush is considered unlikely to adopt a signature, like mother-in-law Barbara's triple strand of pearls.

Still, the pressure to keep in line with Seventh Avenue inevitably threads its way into discussions of first-lady style. "I have to push Mrs. Bush a little bit to be more adventurous," says Faircloth, whose 300 other clients include Sarah Perot, the tall, blond, Texan daughter-in-law of maverick presidential candidate Ross. Post-election, "we can take a little more dramatic approach. We're not going to put her in thigh-high slits and fishnet hose, but I think we can have some fun."

After all, Pennsylvania Avenue is the closest thing to a catwalk that politicians get. "We live so much in a display culture now," says Kate Betts, editor in chief of *Harper's Bazaar*. "People are going to be watching her and are going to care — whether she does or not."

First ladies find that politics and

several magazines and newspapers.

Faircloth isn't exactly envisioning an evolution à la Clinton's pastel-skirt-to-black-pants transformation. "Of all my clients, she's the most comfortable with herself and the most rock-solid. I'm sure that will never change."

But "now we'll have a little bit more of an opportunity to fit her in clothes showing her beautiful feminine (reportedly size 8) figure," he says. Bush's heel height has already crept up, to just under 3 inches from 1 inch. About those low heels, she said to Faircloth, "Can you believe I wore these for the first (Texas) inaugural?"

Everybody volunteers opinions about how he dresses her, and Faircloth listens. According to some of the mail he has received, brown — a color Bush enjoys — looks "a little too mannish." Faircloth can recall only one outright mistake: a pale-pink day dress. She tried it on, took it off, "then we hid it away and it was never talked about again."

When asked about his burgeoning presence on the national run-

voice betraying tion and anxiety, Bush recently, "A ill be looking to shion sense and countered, "No, Michael, they'll be looking to you."

It's really up to her. "It's a pretty lady there in the White House," says Oleg Cassini, the man who turned Jackie into a (French-inspired) American style icon. "Depending on what she wants to do, she has the ability to change herself or improve herself or redirect the way she wants to be judged."

But "the fashion business has enough toys to play with," Cassini adds. "I don't think it's necessary for the first lady to be on the best-dressed list. We in the fashion world may tend to think that, but there are many other ways to express yourself."

He predicts Bush will take a "middle-of-the-road" approach, poised without trying to compete with Jackie's legacy.

"Laura Bush is the kind of person a lot of women will respond to," says Sasha Charnin Morrison, fashion market director for *Allure*, "because a lot of women don't want to wear slip dresses." Taking a cue from New York couturiers wouldn't be in her nature, she adds. "Her family's so important to her — not the length of her skirt."

Her style evokes "a nice, normal woman not from a fashion center," says the Fashion Institute's Steele. "It doesn't say Texas. It doesn't say New York. It's like what a mom would wear to pick up her kids from school, like somewhere in the middle of the country, like Kansas or something."

And those who dub her "Marian the librarian" aren't playing fair. "It's very easy to say she's a librarian and dismiss her, but she seems very composed to me, and that's a big part of personal style," says *Harper's Bazaar's* Betts. "There's some sophistication to her. She has a strong sense of what she can and cannot wear. There won't be any 10-gallon hats and that whole Texas myth that everyone's anticipating in Washington" — the pre-inaugural Texas Black Tie and Boots Ball notwithstanding.

"When I first saw her, I thought she would make a very stylish first lady," says Rhonda Russell, 48, flipping through racks at Macy's flagship store in New York. "All that's needed is somebody to step in and make the finishing touches."

Not that an overhaul would hurt the fashion industry. As Barneys' Doonan cheekily puts it: "Any time Laura wants to come by, we're more than happy to put her in Prada and Blahniks and make her into a full-on fashion victim."

Inside TV

By Peter Johnson

'Years' bids Clinton week-long farewell

At one point in *The Clinton Years* — a documentary co-produced by ABC News and PBS that kicks off tonight on ABC's *Nightline* — Clinton adviser Paul Begala recalls the exact moment in November 1992 when campaign aides learned from exit polls that Clinton would win the election.

Begala talks about that moment to *Nightline* correspondent Chris Bury, describing how he whispered the news to Clinton as he and Hillary Rodham Clinton were getting into a car.

As he speaks, ABC footage, shot when *Nightline* shadowed Clinton for its *72 Hours to Victory* report, shows the scene.

Until Begala described it, no one at *Nightline* had ever known what it was that Begala had whispered to Clinton.

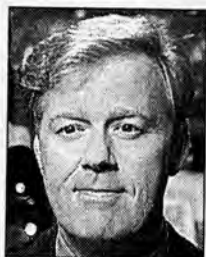
Material like this, says *Nightline* anchor Ted Koppel, often ends up "on the cutting-room floor." Of the Begala anecdote, "it's a good story anyway, but it's a great story when you can match it up with the video."

The week-long *Nightline* report, which culminates in a two-hour *Frontline* Jan. 16 at 9 p.m. ET/PT, takes an inside look at the Clinton years through interviews with top White House staffers, Cabinet members and key advisers.

Such people are often reluctant, at best, about talking publicly. But Bury says that once some officials learned others were participating in the project, interest began to snowball, and many insiders "began asking if they were going to be in the show." Neither of the Clintons nor Vice President Gore agreed to be interviewed.

Perhaps that's because they knew this would be an unblinking look at Clinton, warts and all.

"No one is going to come away from this broadcast thinking this is a valentine to Bill Clinton," Bury says.



By Craig Sjoedin, ABC

Bury: Unblinking look at president.

Briefly: ABC's Diane Sawyer has scored one of the first big "gets" of the post-election. She speaks to Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris on this week's *PrimeTime Thursday* (10 p.m. ET/PT). ... NBC has pulled rookie sitcom *The Weber Show* (formerly known as *Cursed*) off the air during February sweeps, clearing the way for NBC to put one of its more established series against the second half-hour of CBS' *Survivor: The Australian Outback* on Thursdays. ... MTV, in partnership with several civil rights organizations, is launching a year-long initiative to empower young people to fight discrimination in their communities and in themselves. The "Fight for Your Rights: Take a Stand Against Discrimination" campaign will address some of the most prevalent types of discrimination in communities today, including those based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and physical and/or mental ability. MTV will profile artists and young adults who are leading the charge against intolerance and inform the audience about discrimination through specials and programming events, news segments, a free action guide, online components, public service announcements and local grass-roots efforts.

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Mrs. Clinton Seeks Ghostwriter for Memoirs

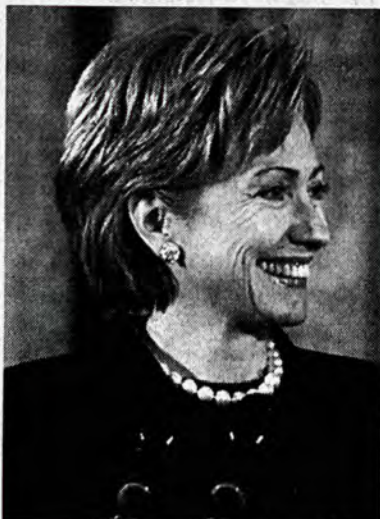
Now that Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has sold the rights to publish her memoirs for \$8 million, who will she pick to help write it, and how much will that person be paid?

Whomever she hires will face a delicate job: producing a manuscript that balances Mrs. Clinton's priorities with those of her publishers at **Simon & Schuster**, who must approve the book. Mrs. Clinton may hope for a book that advances her political career. Simon & Schuster, of course, aims to sell books.

Some of Mrs. Clinton's previous collaborations have been rocky. People who have worked with her say she took a decidedly active role in her previous books. Both Barbara Feinman, an author hired for Mrs. Clinton's "It Takes a Village," and Cheryl Merser, hired for "Invitation to the White House," left the projects before Mrs. Clinton considered them finished. Ms. Merser parted amicably, and Ms. Feinman bitterly. In both cases, Mrs. Clinton thoroughly overhauled their manuscripts with the help of aides.

Still, dozens of hopeful writers have already applied for the job of helping shape her intriguing memoir. Simon & Schuster has sent Mrs. Clinton a tall stack of potential collaborators' previous books for her perusal. Within the next month, she is expected to interview candidates and pick one. People involved say she is likely to pick a woman.

The more than two dozen writers under consideration include journalists, novelists, and professional collaborators. One is Linda Bird Franke, a former journalist and author who has worked on books by Geraldine Ferraro, Rosalynn Carter and several other prominent women. She was also a Clinton delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Others whose names have come up include William Novak, who kicked off a ghost-writing boom with his work on "Iacocca." Another likely candidate is Jane Scovell, who col-



Associated Press

The first lady received an \$8 million advance from her publisher.

laborated with Kitty Dukakis, among others. Mrs. Clinton also remains on good terms with Linda Kulman, a senior writer at U.S. News & World Report, who helped assemble Mrs. Clinton's anthology of letters to the first family's pets. People at Simon & Schuster asked the journalist and author Anna Quindlen if she was interested; she declined.

Lissa Muscatine, an aide to Mrs. Clinton who has worked as a reporter for The Washington Post, is helping Mrs. Clinton with the selection process and may help write the book herself, say people involved. All the potential ghostwriters either could not be reached for comment, or declined the opportunity to do so.

People involved say the most a collaborator for Mrs. Clinton's book will receive is probably about \$500,000. Although that seems stingy next to the \$8 million advance, it is near the top of flat fees paid to collaborators. In contrast, those who sign on before a proposal is sold often make half the author's advance.

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Mrs. Clinton Seeks a Ghostwriter

Now that Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has sold the rights to publish her memoirs for \$8 million, the next big question is who she will pick to help write it. [C13.]

New York's Democratic Partyers

At Madison Square Garden,
It's a Clinton Double Bill

By DALE RUSSAKOFF
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—In her first week as a senator, the wife of the president who gave America the permanent campaign has created a political institution of her own—the permanent inauguration.

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton had her official swearing-in Wednesday on the Senate floor, followed by the traditional mock swearing-in in the Old Senate Chamber, where she and Vice President Gore reenacted the ceremony to allow for photographs, which are prohibited on the Senate floor.

And then today came what everyone here called the “real swearing-in”—a swinging, swaying, celebrity-studded, standing-ovation-flooded affair on the stage of Madison Square Garden’s theater, with Gore again doing the honors and President Clinton telling the crowd of 2,000 in his folksiest style, “Help my wife do a good job at what she ran for.”

Even the three opening prayers—by an African American minister, a female minister and a rabbi—were interrupted by applause, starting when one minister thanked God “that You did not let the chads or the chadettes come to New York City” and continuing through each mention of Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton or Al Gore.

“I have never heard so many applause lines in prayers—and I’m a Baptist!” Gore said to roars of laughter and, of course, more applause.

The New York State Democratic Party sponsored this reenactment of the reenactment of the swearing-in to give Clinton’s New York friends and supporters a chance to get in on her victory celebration and to thank them for their work, party officials said.

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BY PAUL J. RICHARDS—AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, enjoy a bittersweet celebration yesterday.

One Clinton's Arrival, Another's Adieu

CLINTON, From C1

The event was open only to invited guests, and most people interviewed said they had received invitations, unsolicited, in the mail. But one man said he had received a call from a Clinton fundraiser, which he took as a "heavy suggestion" that he should give money to the Clinton campaign committee in return for his ticket. "I gave \$400," said the man, who asked to remain anonymous. He said he also had contributed to Clinton's primary and general election campaigns.

Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D) had a similar reenactment in 1999 at Lincoln Center, also presided over by Gore, after he defeated Republican Al D'Amato.

Today's event began like a celebrity concert—with the 105 voices of Buffalo's Friendship Baptist Church choir warming up the audience with the national anthem and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Next came opera soprano Jessye Norman singing "You'll Never Walk Alone," followed by Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison reading from her book "Jazz," to welcome the new senator "to this extraordinary state and this unforgettable city." The crowd was in a frenzy by the time Billy Joel concluded the artistic portion of the program with "New York State of Mind."

Hillary Clinton drew riotous applause as she pledged to serve all New Yorkers, but it was clear that these New Yorkers were applauding both Clintons, as if they now were getting what Hillary somewhat disastrously promised America in 1992: two for the price of one. "I feel like I'm saying, 'Six more years!'" said Andrew Mark, a New York inventor and supporter of both Clintons who came to the celebration with his son David, 17. "For me, she's the continuation."

"This felt like a wake to me," said Michael Privitello, a real estate broker and "lifelong Democrat" who came with his wife, Deborah Alter, and 3½-year-old daughter, Jace. "I'm just really sad. I can't believe in 13 days he's going to be gone. Look around, nobody wants to leave."

Clinton the president made clear that he plans to work alongside Clinton the senator. As Hillary Clinton did as first lady, Senate spouse Bill Clinton referred to his wife's agenda as what "we" want to do. "If you need to call me, I'll be a de facto caseworker for your new senator," he said to hilarious laughter.

The president reflected that it will soon be 30 years since he met



BY MIKE THEILER—REUTERS

Vice President Gore, with wife Tipper, and Bill and Hillary Clinton, with daughter Chelsea, receive a hero's welcome—and farewell—at Madison Square Garden yesterday.

Hillary Rodham, adding that he always thought she had "more capacity and more heart for public office" than anyone he had known. He said he had "worried" all along that his political career would eclipse hers. "Thank you for giving her this chance to reaffirm" her commitment, he said. "I can tell you this: You will not be disappointed."

"The country didn't like it when she said she'd be the president's partner, but New York is a different place," said Privitello. "In New York, they can be very effective as a team."

There was so much cheering for Gore and the Clintons that it seemed, for the duration of the two-hour celebration, that everyone was in massive denial that George W. Bush actually was about to become president. Bill Clinton drew a loud chorus of "noooooo" when he soberly said, "In 13 days, at high noon, I'm not going to be president anymore."

Hillary Clinton, in her remarks, pledged to redress Gore's defeat, which every speaker here denounced as unfair. "We will do whatever is necessary so that every person's vote will always be counted at every election, now into the future," she declared. Gore, for his part, congratulated her not only on her victory "but on getting all the votes counted on time—and actually winning."

In many ways, the swearing-in was also a celebration of New York, as is almost every event here. State Party Chairman Judith Hope opened the official part of the ceremony by praising New York as "the number one Democratic performing state in America in Election 2000." Gore carried the state overwhelmingly in November, and New York now has two Democratic senators, and reelected its entire Democratic delegation to the House and its entire delegation to the state assembly.

Now it will have not only a Sen. Clinton but also a citizen Clinton.

"I'm kinda tickled about living in New York," Bill Clinton said. "I feel kinda like Garrison Keillor feels about Lake Wobegon. Here I am in

New York, where all the writers, artists and athletic teams are above average—and all the voters get their votes counted."

An article on Wednesday about Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's appointment of Tamera Stanton Luzzatto as her chief of staff misstated the middle initial of a presidential candidate for whom Ms. Luzzatto worked. He is Michael S. Dukakis, not M.

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Cheers for Gore in New York

President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore flew to New York last night to celebrate Hillary Rodham Clinton's election to the Senate, assembling on stage at Madison Square Garden for one more ceremonial swearing-in. But it was Mr. Gore who stole much of the show.

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TV Preview

President vs. Press: No Context

In 'The Clinton Years,' a Portrait Without a Frame

By MICHAEL POWELL
Washington Post Staff Writer

The camera fixes on the face of the young presidential candidate. An off-screen reporter asks:

"Have you ever had an extramarital affair, governor?"

"Well, if I had"—the candidate never quite loses his smile—"I wouldn't tell you."

So the show opens and the tone is set. It's fox and hare, the press as prosecutor and President William Jefferson Clinton as Slick Willie. An eight-year chase through the brier patch of scandal. A co-production of ABC's "Nightline" and

PBS's "Frontline," "The Clinton Years" has unearthed some fascinating documentary shards. Reporters obtained great access and candid interviews with former aides, and producers unearthed riveting photos and video footage.

But in the end, "The Clinton Years" (tonight through Friday at 11:30 p.m. on ABC, and Jan. 16 at 9 p.m. on PBS) presents a curiously cramped view of the preeminent politician of our day.

That Clinton drives his opponents to

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The
ABC-PBS
production
loses sight
of the big
picture.

BY STEVE FENN—ABC NEWS

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Squintin' at Clinton

TV PREVIEW, From C1

paroxysms of rage, that Clinton discards friends without a look back, that Clinton triangulates so often as to make one despair at knowing his core is indisputable. One cannot account for his presidency without wrestling with the enigma of the man and his morphs.

"Uniquely, you might say slickly, he turned the tables on the press," says "Nightline" correspondent Chris Bury.

Yes, you might say that. And you might also wonder . . . where's the rest of the story? For one, what of those many Republicans who spent a decade baying after Clinton's misdeeds, real and imagined?

"The Clinton Years" is "Richard II" rendered without enemies. "The Godfather" without a rival mob family. One needn't embrace the first lady's conception of a vast right-wing conspiracy to acknowledge that the Clintons attracted some powerful and persistent antagonists.

One must turn to the book "The Hunting of the President," by Joe Conason and Gene Lyons, to find that Republican operative Lee Atwater traveled to Arkansas in 1990 to lay the groundwork for a political assault on Clinton, who was seen as the most dangerous of President Bush's potential 1992 opponents. To learn that the Rev. Jerry Falwell produced a thoroughly scurrilous documentary purporting to tie Clinton to a series of accidental deaths, suicides and homicides.

Such attacks did not take root solely in the fruitier pastures of the hard right. The role of Theodore Olson is instructive. A former assistant attorney general under President Reagan, Olson is a respected Washington lawyer who drew much

George W. Bush's Florida election case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Olson was, from the the latter days of 1993, involved in efforts—some underwritten by the reclusive millionaire Richard Mellon Scaife—to gin up probes into the Clintons and their alleged crimes. (His wife, former prosecutor Barbara Olson, has written a vituperative biography of Hillary Clinton.)

Little inkling of this war without end appears in the ABC and "Frontline" documentaries. This is the Great Man theory of history with a vengeance. The documentary rarely places Clinton within his context. It notes his empathetic powers and his wielding of the confessional style, but never situates him in the Age of Oprah. It surveys his rhetorical dance on the head of a pin as he sought to avoid the draft, without noting that he was a stand-in for a generation.

It's a measure of how much has changed in eight years that George W. Bush and Richard Cheney faced nary a hard question last year about their own efforts to avoid service in Vietnam.

To watch Clinton reel fromennifer Flowers to Paula Jones to gays in the military to the Gingrich Revolution, and then into the tumult of impeachment, is to wonder not only how he survived, but why he thrived. He leaves office with close to 60 percent of Americans rating his performance highly.

We have, in other words, a uniquely American character. He's Secretariat on the stump, says an aide. Another aide is more incisive: Clinton was Elvis. Unfortunately, the documentary little improves upon that insight.

Which is not to argue that "The Clinton Years" is without merit.



BY STEVE FENN—ABC NEWS

Ted Koppel is one of many foxes who have chased the Clinton hare.

The chaos of the president's first years in office, the role played in his resurrection by Dick Morris, the many missteps taken by the first lady, are nicely illuminated.

And there's the fascination of lis-

tening to former aides dissect their former boss. Clinton treated aides as ballast, to be cut loose when he was in need of greater political loft. Now they have repaid him in kind, and twice over.

George Stephanopoulos, Dee Dee Myers, Mike McCurry, Leon Panetta: They betray no reluctance to bare all. They spin tales for history, and perhaps to transmute their confidences into the gold of television stardom. If their recollections tend to leave the impression that the aides themselves were master puppeteers, so much the better.

Panetta describes watching Clinton stand up to and thoroughly outmaneuver Gingrich during the governmental shutdown of 1995, when the speaker was bloated with revolutionary airs. "I kind of sighed," Panetta recalled, "and said to myself: He [Clinton] gets it, he gets it."

As if Clinton needed lessons in the art of political maneuvering.

Perhaps the most revealing moment belongs to David Gergen, the butter-smooth White House opera-

tor. He describes the president's mood in the first lady's presence after facing yet another charge of adultery:

"It was like watching a golden retriever who's pooped on the rug and he's keeping his head down."

The end of the documentary arrives, and as the pictures of Clinton slide by, there's the unavoidable sense that had the Constitution allowed, Clinton would have run again for president. And, impeachment notwithstanding, he might have won.

And so you return a final time to the question that hangs over this Shakespearean character. How has he cheated death and found the hearts of so many Americans?

It's the Clinton mystery, and it remains locked inside a box to which we as yet have no key.

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POST OPINION

Terror & the Senate Race

'Our Country's Battles'
Are a Real Issue, Hill

ON April 7, 1805, a U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant named Presley Neville O'Bannon raised an American flag over the fortified town of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli — or what then was called the Barbary Coast, and now is the outlaw nation of Libya.

It was not the most famous flag-raising in Marine Corps history. That would come 140 years later, in the Pacific.

Nevertheless, the event helped to establish an enduring principle of American foreign policy: No vessel flying the Stars and Stripes is to be denied freedom of movement on the high seas.

Not ever.

O'Bannon's adventure was a response to the extortion of passage money from American merchant ships by Tripolitan pirates — a practice in which Europeans had long participated, but which President



Vigilance isn't optional: Fighters being trained in Afghanistan by a group run by Osama bin Laden.

Saeed Adnan/Middle East Photo

America.

Cole itself was named for another Marine Corps hero: Sgt. Darrell Samuel Cole, a machine-gunner, died on Iwo Jima Feb. 19, 1945 — four days before that flag-raising.

Cole's sacrifice was of a sort with those of the 17 sailors who died Oct. 12. That is, made in defense of the strategic best interests of their country — even if the politicians running America these days don't seem to know what those interests really are.

The issue is whether the United States, and the West, is to have free access to Mideast oil, and on reasonable terms.

For this to be so, several conditions must be met — not the least being the maintenance of a robust American military presence in the region.

There are dead Americans to be accounted for — and the Clinton record here is shameful.

For decades, fundamentalist Islam has contested this presence. Several American presidents have fought back, with varying degrees of success.

One initiated a full-scale conventional war — essentially in defense of the principle established by Lt. O'Bannon at Derna: Pirates don't dictate policy to the United States.

No one doubted this when Bill

and Hillary Clinton took up residence in the White House.

A lot of people do today.

For good reason.

Since 1995, 41 Americans have died at the hands of the fundamentalists: five at Riyadh and 19 at Dhahran, both in Saudi Arabia — and the 17 in Aden Harbor.

America has yet to identify those responsible for the attacks — let alone to punish a single soul.

Now comes news that the Pentagon is restricting the movements of the U.S. Navy in the region out of concern for the safety of its ships.

The Barbary pirates are winning! Whatever would Lt. O'Bannon think? Or Sgt. Cole?

But New Yorkers are not meant even to speak of the matter — and certainly not of Hillary Rodham Clinton's matter-of-public-record association with people in overt sympathy with fundamentalist Islam.

The New York GOP recently made a series of telephone calls pointing the connection out — to the badly feigned horror of Hillary's U.S. Senate campaign, and its supporters in the media.

Too bad about the media; there are dead Americans to be accounted for — and the Clinton administration record in this regard is shameful.

Beyond this, however, the Clintons owe a debt to history — to O'Bannon and to Cole and especially to Thomas Jefferson.

But Hillary seeks to go to the Senate, thence to make matters worse.

Quick. Call out the Marines. E-mail: mcmamus@nypost.com

The Funds Flap:
Character Is No Joke

HILLARY Clinton spoke an astonishing sentence on Tuesday, perhaps the most astonishing thing she's ever said.

"This campaign should be about not me or my opponent. . . . It ought to be about you."

There it is, New York. Mrs. Clinton is running for the U.S. Senate against Rick Lazio. But according to Mrs. Clinton, this campaign shouldn't be about them — about who is better suited to represent New York based on policies, views and temperament. This campaign isn't a massive job interview, the way all political campaigns are. Oh, no. This campaign "ought to be about you."

Now, there's only one reason Mrs. Clinton wants this campaign to be "about you." If it's "about you," you see, then it's not about her. In the past week, the subject of the Senate race has once again become Mrs. Clinton, and it's threatening to destroy her political future.

For two weeks after their first debate, the Clinton campaign succeeded in making Lazio the subject of the race — or, rather, his supposedly rude behavior in invading her space by walking over to her podium with a piece of paper in his hands.

But with the revelation last week of the secret fund-raiser in Boston sponsored by a Muslim group that supports the use of violence by Palestinians against Israeli citizens, the subject of the election is once again Mrs. Clinton.

Hillary's campaign has been caught in another act of cowardly dissimulation.

And that's very bad for her. Polls are showing a meltdown in Mrs. Clinton's Jewish support, now under 50 percent and dropping. If that trend continues, she will lose the election, and she knows it. So now, in the closing week, she's trying once again to change the subject to Lazio and what she calls "his misleading, inaccurate, offensive, outrageous, despicable attacks" on her association with these supporters of jihad.

It's perfectly fair for Mrs. Clinton to make the conduct of the Lazio campaign and the state Republican committee an issue. But make no mistake — it's not an issue "about you." It's an issue about Lazio's fitness for the Senate, and that is a proper subject for a campaign. But so, too, is Mrs. Clinton's fitness.

And she isn't fit: Once again, her campaign has been caught out in an act of cowardly dissimulation.

When the Clinton campaign filed its fund-raising report with



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the Federal Election Commission in June, it listed the affiliation of one \$1,000-donor as the "American Museum Council." The donor in question is the now-notorious Adurahman Alamoudi, who last weekend went out and spoke passionately in favor of Hamas and Hezbollah at a Washington rally.

That's not the sort of thing you ordinarily associate with museum-going, though it is the sort of thing associated with blood and bombs and the mass murder of Americans — since Hezbollah is considered responsible for the 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon that killed 241 Marines.

Alamoudi's actual affiliation is, of course, with the American Muslim Council. Not "Museum," but "Muslim." Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson says the transformation of the word "Muslim" into the word "Museum" was a typographical error.

"This is a joke, right?" Wolfson said.

Oh, yeah. Some joke. It's such a joke that the Clinton campaign had at the ready for the Daily News an example of similar misreporting on the part of the long-defunct Giuliani senatorial campaign — a classic case of war-room research that would not have been in Wolfson's hand if the Hillary campaign hadn't been perfectly aware of its own dishonesty and the need to answer it with a counter-charge.

There's no reason to believe Mrs. Clinton or her campaign workers had any idea of Alamoudi's disgusting ideology. No, what they knew is that they didn't want the word "Muslim" cropping up in their fund-raising reports when they were trying desperately to turn around her image in the Jewish community.

If voters fall for this deceit and elect Mrs. Clinton, then they will implicitly prove her point. They will prove this election is "about you" — about the Clinton campaign's conviction that "you" are all gullible idiots.

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Thomas Jefferson would have none of it.

"Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," said Jefferson.

O'Bannon validated the policy embedded in the president's wary after a seven-week, 600-mile march through the Libyan desert at the head of a small band of Marines.

They wrested Derna from the pirates — but it took the War of 1812 finally to convince the world to respect America's right of free access to the high seas.

This effort was necessary.

The United States — for all its vastness — has always been a maritime nation. It prospers, or not, according to its ability to traverse the oceans unhindered.

Occasionally this fundamental principle is tested — most recently by the bombing of USS Cole in the port of Aden.

There is considerable irony in the Cole affair.

In the beginning it was the Barbary pirates. Today it is the Tripolitan megalomaniac Moammar Khadafi and his brothers in the Islamic fundamentalist movement: Osama bin Laden, Yasser Arafat, Iran, Iraq, the suicide bombers of USS Cole — and their many friends in

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Lazio the Tax-Cutter

New Yorkers have been smiling lately, and Rick Lazio knows why.

It's the economy, stupid!

It happens to have zoomed off the charts in New York since 1995.

And what is it that Lazio knows?

That the No. 1 reason for the state's economic growth is: lower taxes.

For years, pols bleated an old axiom: National recessions hit New Yorkers harder, and recoveries benefit them less.

But no one saw the obvious — that high taxes were to blame. Indeed, every time the economy went south, officials tried to make up lost revenues by socking businesses and residents with higher taxes. The result: Businesses fled, cut production or went belly-up. New Yorkers lost their jobs.

It happened in the '70s.

And again in the early '90s.

Then, under Gov. Pataki and Mayor Giuliani, New York lowered taxes.

Last year, the tab was some \$12 billion less than it would have been under the 1994 tax laws.

What happened? Job growth soared.

Last year the state did its best ever since 1957 relative to the nation — growing at 2.5 percent. New York City, which also lowered taxes, turned in its best performance in half a century.

Today, the state has jumped to 11th — from 50th — in production of new jobs.

New York no longer lags; it leads.

Though Hillary Clinton says otherwise, Upstate is spinning out new jobs faster than any other industrial state.

Altogether, since '94, the state has sprouted 756,000 private-sector jobs.

And Lazio understands why.

Which is why he's calling for broad tax cuts designed to benefit New Yorkers.

Lazio wants to eliminate the marriage penalty and make Social Security taxes deductible, saving the average two-income family about \$1,200 a year.

Those and other reforms amount to a \$776 billion scale-back of federal taxes.

The Manhattan Institute estimates that Lazio's plan would save the Empire State about \$4.2 billion a year in income tax alone, compared to just \$1.2 billion under Hillary Clinton's plan.

Lazio also appreciates small businesses. He won passage in the House of the Small Business Tax Fairness Act, which includes \$29.7 billion in tax relief for small firms.

And his plan to end the death tax would encourage small-business investment.

All in all, it's a program that ought to keep New Yorkers smiling.

Steve Allen, 1921-2000

Steve Allen, who died Monday at the age of 78, was one of those once-in-a-lifetime talents who was astonishingly proficient at everything he did — and he did everything.

Comedian, songwriter (some 8,500 works to his credit), pioneering TV host, raconteur, actor, author, historian, political activist. And he was as much at home in the field of serious political and intellectual debate as he was in the world of comedy.

Indeed, he was just as versatile while debating William F. Buckley Jr. as he was interviewing Carl Sandburg or doing comedy sketches with Louis Nye.

Allen will likely best be remembered as the father of late-night TV talk shows: He was the founding host of the "Tonight" show — and, though he only did the show for three years before handing the reins over to Jack Paar, he created an institution.

But the work of which he was proudest

was an admittedly high-brow — but equally entertaining — version of "Tonight." Called "Meeting of Minds," it ran on PBS and featured Allen presiding over a roundtable philosophical discussion between historical figures, portrayed by actors. A typical panel might include Karl Marx, Marie Antoinette and Galileo.

It was proof, Allen felt, that television could be provocative and still entertain. And it's what led him in recent years to his involvement with the Parents Television Council.

Despite his fierce liberalism, which never waned, his decried the dumbing down of popular culture and particularly of TV, which he charged was dragging America into a "moral sewer."

"I seem to have stumbled in at the right time in history," Allen once said. Happily, he let the rest of us come along for the ride.

So long, Steverino — and thanks.

Clueless in Pyongyang

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright last week was photographed at the side of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il at a dance exhibition extolling the glories of the Communist state.

Madame Albright says she was quite uncomfortable — and, anyway, she didn't realize she was there to watch a pro-Communist recital.

She says she was "ambushed."

OK. But what was Albright doing in Pyongyang in the first place?

North Korea is still categorized as a "rogue" nation, sponsoring terrorism, pursuing a ballistic-missile program and selling the resulting technology to countries such as Iraq and Libya.

Yes, the Korean peninsula appears to be warming. But the peace overtures between North and South Korea have all been initiated from the South — as indicated by the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to South Korean President Kim Dae-jung. And, pointedly, not to Kim Jong-il. Yet Albright feels Pyongyang is worth reaching out to.

Or maybe it is the Clinton White House, in search of a legacy, that is looking longingly toward the Koreans.

The Mideast is in flames.

Things are shaky in Northern Ireland. So what's a president to do?

Send Ms. Albright to Pyongyang, to be "ambushed?" How could it hurt?

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Voters Should Stop Corzine From Buying a Senate Seat

THE ISSUE: The New Jersey Senate race.



Jon Corzine

ton for the past eight years.

Jon Corzine brings nothing to the table except distortions. It is one thing to be a philanthropist, but it is another to be our next senator. Corzine's only qualification is \$60 million in advertising spending. **John Perlin**
Brick, N.J.

•If he is elected, I shudder to think what Jon Corzine would do when some liberal on the Hill proposed another tax increase. After all, it is only money to him — he does not have to hold down a job and pay bills. **Richard Durkin**
Manhattan

•I am deeply concerned about the long-range implications for the American political system of Jon Corzine's \$60 million campaign to buy a Senate seat with his personal fortune.

I ask the voters not to let New Jersey lead the way to government in this country being bought and paid for by the richest Republicans and Democrats in America.

If he wins, the Senate could soon become a government playpen for the ultra-wealthy. Corzine seems to be a decent, caring person. I don't believe, however, he begins to understand the disaster a bought Senate seat will have on our elective process.

Ray Bateman
Somerville, N.J.

other politicians of both stripes have personally bankrolled their campaigns. Let's concentrate on the issues.

V. Hardy
New Brunswick, N.J.

•I fear our political system is broken beyond repair if someone can merely throw money into their campaigning effort as Jon Corzine has done.

Sure, he's not alone in this, but it seems to me we need to rethink the system. **Jan Raymond**
Bayonne, N.J.

•The voters of New Jersey are only days away from electing a new senator. It is time that we ask ourselves some serious questions.

Are we going to elect a senator who is qualified, experienced and trustworthy, or a man who has absolutely nothing going for him except his vast personal wealth?

Bob Franks has been fighting for the state of New Jersey in Washing-

•Three cheers for Eric Feltmann and his excellent article on Rep. Bob Franks' efforts to get elected to the Senate in New Jersey ("Way Out in Left Field," Opinion, Oct. 26).

Aside from the fact that Jon Corzine's only qualification for office is his very deep pockets, one should look at Bob Franks and his life of service to the people.

Franks has been loyal to his principles and his friends. He is a fiscal conservative who co-wrote the plan which has balanced the federal budget and given us a budget surplus. He has worked to cut taxes by voting to eliminate the marriage penalty tax. He co-sponsored Sen. John McCain's campaign-finance reform bill in the House of Representatives.

In a nutshell, he has been in the trenches and he is ready to fight as our next senator. If the people of New Jersey are looking for a combination of experience and fiscal conservatism, they have no choice but to vote for Bob Franks.

Make Corzine spend it all, Bob.

Andrew J. MacDonald
Fanwood, N.J.

•I am sick and tired of people criticizing Jon Corzine for wanting to be a senator.

He made his money perfectly legally and what he does with it should be his business alone.

Besides, plenty of

Clinton's Disgraceful Esquire Cover

•The recent cover of Esquire confirms that after a long and arduous search, President Clinton's quest for a legacy has drawn to a close ("Bill strikes a pose for edgy exit chat," Page Six, Oct. 28).

The photo, which captures our president in a pose more reminiscent of something one would see in a zoo's primate house, is an accurate depiction of how he chose to spend his time in the

THE ISSUE: The controversial picture of President Clinton on the cover of Esquire magazine.

chair occupied by Washington, Lincoln, FDR and Reagan.

Frank P. Cerbini
Pleasantville

•Look at Bill Clinton on the cover of Esquire. He is shoving his disrespect for voters in our faces. He used Monica Lewinsky in the Oval Office,

and he is still in that office.

What if we wake up on Nov. 8 and Hillary Clinton is in the Senate and Al Gore is in the White House? What are we telling our children?

Bill Silver
Saratoga, Calif.

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Where they stand Campaign★2000

CLINTON-LAZIO BATTLE

N.Y. will pay — literally — with another Dem in D.C.

"If Hillary is elected to the Senate and the Republicans keep control, we're dead," says a prominent New York City Democrat.
Reuters

POLITICIANS from both major parties agree that electing Hillary Clinton will hurt New York City — and the state as a whole — if Republicans keep control of the U.S. Senate.

With Brooklyn-based U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, an outspoken Democratic voice, in Washington, political insiders are increasingly asking whether the election of an even higher-profile Democrat — soon-to-be-former First Lady Clinton — will hurt the city's effort to win fairness from the Senate.

Even some Democrats are saying the answer is "yes." Tens of billions of dollars are at stake for federal transit and education aid, Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements, prescription-drug programs, and welfare, not to mention the overall question of the \$15 billion "imbalance" between the money New York sends to Washington and the aid it receives in return.

Outgoing U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan has repeatedly — but largely unsuccessfully — railed against that "imbalance," which has left New York with the fourth-worst record among states of recovering the money it sends to Washington.

Many of the federal programs that aid New York are "formula" driven, meaning that a slight tweak here or there — with a pro- or anti-New York bias — could cost the city and state billions of dollars in federal payments.

Among the biggest programs the experts say would be at risk if Clinton is elected to a GOP-controlled Congress:

- Mass transit and transportation aid, which totals more than \$1 billion annually.

"We've already lost transit aid because of the departure of Sen. D'Amato," said Deputy Mayor Anthony Coles, whose boss, Mayor Giuliani, supports Clinton challenger Rick Lazio.

"In my view, if Hillary Clinton wins the election and the Senate remains Republican, it will be like putting a bull's-eye on the state."

- The Medicaid program of financial assistance to the poor, near-poor and handicapped, with special sweeteners for New York City's huge complex of teaching hospitals. It totals a whopping \$15 billion a year.

- The Medicare program of direct health-care payments to the elderly, a major source of income for the city's hospitals and health-care industry: \$17 billion.

- Welfare and supplementary assistance programs, providing temporary cash payments and other relief to hundreds of thousands of poor people, mainly in New York City: \$1.3 billion.

- A wide range of educational assistance programs providing direct- and matching-aid payments to schools throughout the state: \$2 billion.

Former three-term U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, a Republican backing Rick Lazio, says there's no doubt Clinton's election would hurt New York.

"It's not going to be just a question of two Democrats in a Republican-controlled Senate, but two Democrats with little seniority in a Republican-controlled Senate," he said.

"At least with Pat Moynihan, New York had a Democrat who was a major player as the ranking member of the Finance Committee. He had clout," continued D'Amato, who is widely regarded, even by Democrats, as a savvy political observer.

D'Amato also contended that Democrats from other parts of the nation won't hesitate to join with Republicans against Schumer and a Sen. Clinton to further punish New York by making already-unfavorable reimbursement formulas even worse.

D'Amato, who once headed the Republican Senate Campaign Committee, said he doubts Democrats will capture the Senate.

Schumer, a strong Clinton partisan, strongly contested D'Amato's assessment, although several other Democrats — speaking on condition of anonymity — said they agreed with D'Amato.

"Even if you have a Republican-controlled Senate, Moynihan and I have shown that it is possible

to do pretty well for New York," Schumer said.

One of the city's best-known and most thoughtful Democrats, in what he called a "strictly pragmatic assessment of Hillary," said he agreed with D'Amato's concerns about Mrs. Clinton's ability to bring more federal money to New York.

"The reality is that there's no way the Senate is ever going to approve of the kind of 'formula changes' that Mrs. Clinton is talking about in order to bring more money to New York . . .

"More money for New York means, in effect, less money for, say, Arkansas, and there's no way the Senate will do it."

Another prominent New York City Democrat, who has been active in party circles for many years, put it bluntly: "If Hillary is elected to the Senate and the Republicans keep control, we're dead."

FREDRIC U. DICKER



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APPLE IS AT THE CORE OF

Part 5 in a series that looks in depth at the New York Senate candidates' stands on critical issues

By KIRSTEN DANIS

Rep. Rick Lazio roots for the Mets; Hillary Rodham Clinton cheers on the Yankees — and that's just the beginning of their Big Apple battles.

The Senate candidates have decidedly different stands on most New York City issues, from the controversial West Side stadium to the NYPD to Con Ed bills.

"These are issues that hit closest to home, often having a direct impact on the lives of everyday New Yorkers," former Sen. Al D'Amato said.

Mayor Giuliani first proposed the idea of a West Side stadium in 1998 — hailing it as an ideal new home for the Yankees. That plan struck out.

A Quinnipiac University poll at the time showed that most New Yorkers were opposed to squeezing a stadium onto the already-crowded streets of Manhattan.

The undaunted mayor recently resurrected a plan for a "domed arena" to attract the Olympics and conventions, or to bring back the New York Jets.

Play ball! Lazio says. "A new stadium in Manhattan would undoubtedly generate significant additional economic activity," Lazio said.

A stadium would have to double as a convention center and not rely too heavily on taxpayer cash, the congressman added.

Clinton is not a new-stadium fan, especially if it means dipping into public coffers.

"I have concerns about congestion, pollution and the cost of the stadium when we're faced with far more pressing needs," she said.

New York's newest senator soon could end up wrestling with another hot controversy: Federal monitoring of the NYPD.

Lazio was clear on his stand that the federal government should stay out of the NYPD.

"Efforts should be made at the state and local level to address any concerns regarding the relationship of the department and the communities of New York," Lazio said.

Clinton, who visits black churches almost every time she's in the city — and who is counting on minority-voter turnout — ducked the question entirely.

"This decision is up to the Justice Department," she said.

The first lady instead said she'll push for legislation that links cops and "faith-based organizations" to promote "respect."

She also wants to create ROTC-like programs to train kids to be

young officers.

Both candidates agree that community policing programs should be expanded. Lazio's more *laissez-faire* approach vividly bucks against Clinton's philosophy again when it comes to sky-high Con Ed bills — the result of the newly deregulated power market.

The answer to the problem is more power plants, Lazio said. "The only economical solution is to increase supply and encourage conservation to reduce peak demand" the congressman said. "We must also ensure that our efforts . . . are done in a way that respects the environment."

Clinton proposes more aggressive regulation — such as uniform "labeling" so consumers can compare prices, conservation programs and per-megawatt price caps. Not surprisingly, New York utilities have given more than \$6,000 to Lazio's campaign — and nothing to Clinton's.

The candidates also differ on how to boost poor neighborhoods that have yet to see the glitz and glamour of the Silicon Alley boom years.

Both Lazio and Clinton support expanding federal empowerment zones,

which give tax breaks to businesses in depressed areas — but that's where the similarities end.

Lazio urged more tax cuts to spur economic growth, with some federal and state bonds to help things along.

But Clinton wants more federal programs: expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, "because no one who works full time in America should have to raise a family in poverty," and loans for small businesses.

Clinton is also pushing a retooling of the Section 8 program that would allow renters to use the vouchers for mortgage payments. There's just one New York issue where Lazio and Clinton agree: Governors Island.

The former coast guard station off Manhattan's southern coast was supposed to be sold to New York for \$1 and transformed into a tourist wonderland.

But turf battles in Congress and between Gov. Pataki and Giuliani have stymied the sale — much to U.S. Sen. Pat Moynihan's frustration.

Lazio and Clinton both support a proposal to build a park, tourist attractions and private projects, such as a convention center, on the island.



Rick Lazio, here amused by a Post story on the Clintons' hunt for a Manhattan apartment, agrees with Hillary on almost nothing when it comes to New York City matters. N.Y. Post: G.N. Miller

COMPARE & CONTRAST

BUILDING A STADIUM OR DOMED CONVENTION CENTER ON THE WEST SIDE OF MANHATTAN

Clinton: Opposes a stadium on the West Side because of congestion pollution and because the city "has other pressing needs"

Lazio: Supports a combined stadium-convention center as long as it doesn't rely too heavily on public funds

NEW YORK CITY NEIGHBORHOODS LEFT OUT OF THE ECONOMIC BOOM

Clinton: Says she'll fight to expand empowerment zones plus the Earned Income Tax Credit and micro-loans for small businesses. She wants to allow renters to use Section 8 vouchers to pay mortgages, "helping them to become homeowners"

Lazio: Wants to remove "barriers to . . . growth, including high taxation." He supports empowerment zones, suspending the capital gains tax in poor areas, pushing state and federal industrial bonding to funnel cash into needy neighborhoods and expanding brownfields redevelopment

HOW TO KEEP ENERGY PRICES FROM SPIKING

Clinton: Proposes more aggressive changes to electricity deregulation, including uniform "labeling" so consumers can compare prices, conservation programs and per-megawatt price caps

Lazio: Promotes more "competition," i.e. more power plants "in a way that respects the environment," and conservation programs

DEVELOPMENT ON GOVERNORS ISLAND

Clinton: Urged protection of the historic sites on the island. Both candidates think the former Coast Guard station should have a combination of park space, tourist attractions and commercial development

Lazio: Made a point of saying "local concerns" should come to a "consensus" about development — meaning Mayor Giuliani and Gov. Pataki need to iron out their battle for control over the island's future

INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MONITORING OF THE NYPD

Clinton: Says she'll leave that decision to the Justice Department

Lazio: Opposes monitors



N.Y. Post: Luz C. Ribeiro

Bole families say GOP low

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and Hezbollah into the White House." A state GOP spokesman couldn't be reached for comment.

The parents spoke after The Post asked out to relatives of the 17 Americans who died. Clodfelter and Francis hadn't said about the issue, or a Clinton fundraiser that the American Muslim Alliance took credit for raising.

"Some of the families still have to bury their kids," Clodfelter said on his Virginia home. "It does a disservice to the whole ship. It's not even something that should be put into [politics]. People have been so helpful. This is the first really negative thing I've heard."

"They should realize these were our children, they were young children, and we don't want to do that," Francis said.

Clinton, who decried the GOP effort, is running an ad slamming Lazio.

Francis and Clodfelter said they weren't bothered by the ad, arguing that she was defending herself. Both parents said the first family as a comfort to them during the funeral, Va., memorial service immediately after the bombing.

"I didn't get to speak to her personally, but I did speak to Bill and Chelsea, and their hearts just went out to us," said Francis, a Sears manager in North Carolina.

Francis' daughter was buried Saturday in Salisbury National Cemetery in North Carolina. Clodfelter buried his son in Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday.



HUNGRY FOR VOTES: Rick Lazio stumps yesterday at Yonkers food emporium Stew Leonard's.

N.Y. Post: Francis Specker

W. SIDE HS RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS FOR HILL

By DAVID SEIFMAN
and MARK STAMEY

The head of Manhattan high schools said yesterday that it was a "slight oversight" for one of the city's top public high schools to invite students to volunteer for Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

No one at the High School for Environmental Studies seemed bothered by the one-sided solicitation, in a newsletter distributed last month — until this week, when The Post raised questions at the Board of Education.

Soon after The Post's query, Manhattan high-school Superintendent Welton Sawyer directed principal Alexander Corbluth to send out a second letter informing parents that the school isn't taking a position in the

Senate race.

Sawyer said the highly rated, 1,200-student school at 444 W. 56th St. has a history of volunteerism, and the invitation to join Clinton's campaign was a "slight oversight."

"It might have been envisioned as something other than what it was intended to be," Sawyer said.

"Our goal is to make certain our young people do become involved in the community and the Democratic process. What is not allowed is to be partisan."

Corbluth, named co-principal of the year in 1998-99, didn't return repeated calls.

But even after the retraction, teachers and students weren't fazed by the exclusion of Republican Senate candidate Rick Lazio.

"All is fair in politics," said Tere-sina Russiello, 17, a senior. "This is fair. You can bet in our school there will be a clique of students who will start a group that will work for Lazio. My vote is for Hillary."

"The school is Democratic so it wouldn't have a Lazio internship," said Miguel Suero, another senior. "But if I went to the internship office and said I wanted a Lazio internship, they would find me one."

Mary Bartlett, the teacher in charge of the internship program, defended listing the volunteer opening for Clinton.

"It was a chance for students to participate in the democratic process," she said. "We weren't taking sides. It was just one of many projects we provide to give students work experience."

Another example of her wordplay

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Does this sound like the kind of woman who would take money from Muslims tied to Mideast terrorist groups, try to hide it on an official document, then plead "honest mistake" when caught? You bet.

Why would savvy New Yorkers want to take a chance on having such an untrustworthy person represent us in the Senate? When she gives her word, who can rely on it?

This is especially true when it comes to Israel, which in the

coming months will likely face its greatest peril in a generation. New Yorkers who care about the survival of the Jewish state can't afford to rely on a senator who changes her story as often as her hairstyle.

Interestingly, Russian Jewish immigrants polled last month for the American Jewish Committee are voting overwhelmingly for Al Gore, but only half as much for Hillary. Do they know something we don't?

Tony Carnes of the Research Institute for New Americans, which conducted the survey, says

it comes down to one word: Trust.

"They don't trust Mrs. Clinton. She reminds them of Soviet bureaucrats, and seems a little mean to them," Carnes says. "Also, they think she would be very bad for Israel."

"Doverguy, no proverbial," goes the Russian proverb — "Trust, but verify." The discovery of the suspicious Muslim/Museum sleight-of-hand verifies something veteran Hillary watchers have known for years: You just can't trust her.

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HILL'S MUSLIMS

Just another example of her skillful play on words

"I may not have the President of the United States in my corner but that's OK, I'd rather have you!"

LAZIO LETTER TO AMERICAN MUSLIM ALLIANCE

tinian state in the Mideast.

At a campaign stop in The Bronx, Clinton repeated her position about a Palestinian state that "it is up to the parties to decide how and when they would enter into a comprehensive peace agreement."

Clinton also suffered a mild setback yesterday when Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn) announced he will not make an endorsement.

The first lady had aggressively courted Hikind, who is influential with some Orthodox Jews, and the two had met privately for an hour this week.

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BALD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: A supporter for Hillary Clinton rubs the head of a customer for luck at the Blue Bay Diner yesterday as the first lady campaigns in Queens. N.Y. Post, Luiz C. Ribeiro

EVER seen the Guggenheim bow toward Mecca in prayer? Visit your local mosque to see a Monet? If so, you must be a drunk, a nut, or completely in the tank for Hillary Clinton.

Team Hillary apparently can't tell the difference between a Muslim and a museum. They have been caught red-handed fudging the name of the American Muslim Council on a June 30 Federal Election Commission filing.

On the Hillary document, it reads "American Museum Council" — an innocuous-sounding name unlikely to catch the eye of those examining the report.

When it came out that the Muslim group and its leader, Abdurahman Alamoudi, have ties to Arab terrorist organizations, the Clinton campaign returned the money. Now it's asserting that the Muslim/museum flap is just a typo. A typo?! What do they take us

ROD DREHER



for a pack of clod-brained Gomer Pyles?

Hillary is asking you to believe that it makes no sense for a New York Senate candidate in trouble with Jewish voters to cover up campaign cash received from an Islamic organization.

You might be tempted to give Clinton the benefit of the doubt. Mistakes are made sometimes. But to be so generous, you have to overlook Hillary's history of deception.

You have to accept her explanation that the \$100,000 windfall she made on a futures market trade came from simply reading the Wall Street Journal.

You have to accept that she had no idea how her long-sought billing records mysteriously found their way to a White House table — even though tests showed her fingerprints were on them.

You have to accept that she had nothing to do with the illegal White House travel office firings, even though Independent Counsel Robert Ray, who declined to indict her, found "substantial evidence" Hillary was involved, and lied under oath about it.

As far back as 1996, the Washington Post did a long analysis of Clinton's public statements when questioned about various scandals that cropped up during the president's first term. The piece concluded the first lady lies when it suits her.

"There appears to be a four-year pattern of Hillary Clinton avoiding full disclosure, occasionally forgetting places and events that might embarrass her, and revising her story as documents emerge and the knowledge of her questioners deepens," the paper said.

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Arab council is ready to dump donor

By NILES LATHEM

The American Muslim Council is moving quickly to distance itself from its controversial founder, whose outspoken support for Mideast terrorists led Hillary Rodham Clinton to return his campaign cash.

The group fears the political uproar generated in the New York Senate race over Abdurahman Alamoudi — a member of its board of directors — could hurt the cause of Arab-Americans nationwide.

"He is not a spokesperson for the American Muslim Council," Aly Abuzaakouk, the group's executive director told The Post. "The statements he's making are his own personal statements."

Correction

A photo of Hillary Rodham Clinton with Abdurahman Alamoudi in yesterday's Post was incorrectly credited to Steve Emerson. In fact, the photo originally appeared in an American Muslim Council newsletter, a copy of which Emerson provided to The Post.

There has also been friction inside the AMC board for months, with some members openly critical of Alamoudi for fund-raising from mysterious sources in the Mideast — with little checking on where the money came from.

"I am being hit from all sides," Alamoudi said yesterday. "These are cheap shots."

Just last weekend, Alamoudi voiced his support for Hamas and Hezbollah in a speech to an American Muslim crowd across the street from the White House.

Alamoudi served on the board of the directors of the Virginia-based United Association for Research and Studies, a group accused in an Israeli court of being the political command center of Hamas in the U.S.

The UARS was co-founded by Mohammed Abu Marzouk, a Hamas leader who was jailed in the U.S. and extradited to Jordan in 1996 on terrorism-related charges.

Alamoudi flatly denied the United Association for

Studies and Research is a Hamas front, saying the Arab-American who made the charges in Israel "was tortured for five years" by Israeli security.

"If you were tortured for five years, you would say the moon is made of green cheese if they wanted you to," he said.

Questions also have been raised about Alamoudi's connection with the U.S. government.

He has been working as a good-will ambassador for the State Department and has made six all-expenses paid speaking trips to the Middle East.

Alamoudi also worked for almost a decade with top Pentagon brass in the Office of the Chaplain to nominate Muslim chaplains for the military.

Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Colonel Catherine Abbott confirmed that he nominated and screened Muslim candidates to be chaplains for the Army, Navy and Air Force from 1991 to 1998 in a non-salaried position.

"I'm very proud of that," Alamoudi said.



BIG CHILL: Abdurahman Alamoudi doesn't speak for the American Muslim Council — the group he founded — the AMC insists. Ron Sachs/CNP

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RICK HIT UP

Solicited group
before his blast

Senate candidate Rick Lazio sent a fund-raising letter to the head of the local chapter of the American Muslim Alliance — just two days before denouncing Hillary Rodham Clinton for receiving "blood money" from the group.

On Oct. 23, the Republican hopeful sent a fund-raising letter to Faroque Khan, chairman of the New York chapter of the American Muslim Alliance, a group which took credit for hosting a \$50,000 Boston fund-raiser for Clinton in June.

The form letter, which was obtained by the New York Observer and posted on its Web site last night, asked Khan for his "immediate financial help."

"I may not have the President of the United States in my corner but that's OK, I'd rather have you!" says the letter which is signed "Rick".

After it was reported that the American Muslim Alliance was taking credit for the June fund-raiser, Clinton refunded the \$50,000 last week. The Democratic candidate said she would not take money from members of the group because its national leader supports Palestinians' use of armed force.

Campaigning in Westchester

By Robert Hardt Jr., Gregg Birnbaum and Jessica Graham

last night, Clinton called the fund-raising letter to Khan "the height of hypocrisy."

"It shows a pattern in Mr. Lazio's campaign of saying one thing and doing something else," Clinton said.

After shaking hands with commuters last night at the White Plains Metro-North station, Lazio told reporters he wasn't familiar with his letter to Khan.

"I don't know anything about it," he said.

But less than half an hour later, Lazio pulled his campaign motorcade over at a gas station on the Bronx River Parkway and clambered onto the press van to talk about the letter.

"We've sent out 18 million pieces of mail. As far as I know, we haven't received a dime from any person that supports terrorism," Lazio said.

Lazio also discussed his campaign's decision to pull an up-state radio ad denouncing Clinton for supporting a "radical environmental treaty."

The League of Conservation Voters — which had decided to jointly back Clinton and Lazio — threatened to pull their endorsement of Lazio if he continued to air the ads denouncing the Kyoto treaty.

After telling reporters in White Plains that he didn't know his campaign had yanked the ads, Lazio spoke about the decision with reporters in the press van.

"The ad was discontinued out of respect for the League of Conservation Voters," said Lazio, who in a previous statement called the Kyoto treaty a "laudable attempt to address global warming" that "could be improved."

Meanwhile, Lazio worked at strengthening his pro-Israeli credentials by saying he is opposed to the creation of a Pales-



MOURNING: Gloria Clodfelter holds a picture of her son, Kenneth, who died while serving on the USS Cole. AP

Kin of Cole victims
call state GOP low

by MAGGIE HABERMAN

Relatives of two victims killed in the terror bombing of the USS Cole said yesterday they're "outraged" at state Republicans for injecting the trag-

EXCLUSIVE

ly into the New York state race.

"I just think it's tasteless, can't imagine" it happening, said John Clodfelter, whose son, Kenneth, 21, was killed while serving as Navy hull-maintenance technician.

"It's outrageous, it's really going very low. I think it's distasteful and disgusting, and it really, truly embarrassed by the [state] Republicans," said Andrea Francis, mother of Seaman Monique Francis, 19.

Clodfelter and Francis were referring to state Republican Party ads to voters last weekend — first reported in The Post — saying Democratic Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton took money from an Arab group that "openly rags about its support for a Mid-East terrorism group, the same kind of terrorism that killed our soldiers on the USS Cole."

Francis said she would like an apology from state Republicans



FATHER'S LOSS: John Clodfelter grieves for his late son. AP

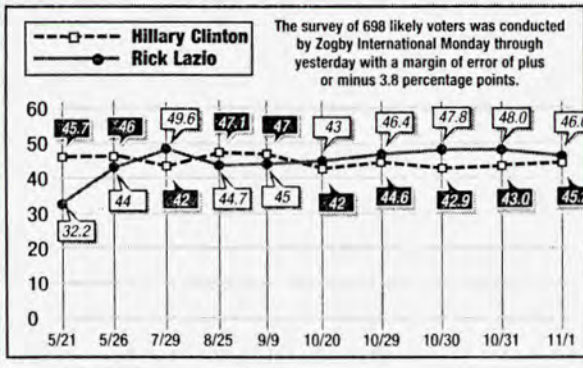
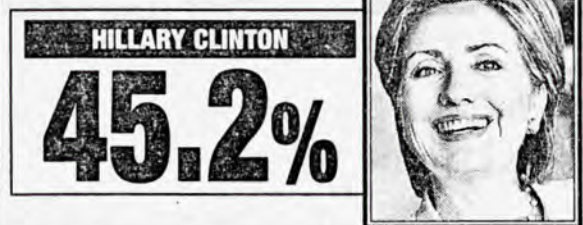
and from GOP candidate Rick Lazio, even though his campaign didn't make the calls.

"I think he should speak to us and let us know how he really feels," she said of Lazio, who has refused to denounce the calls. "If he agrees with [the calls], he should let us know. If he doesn't, I would like to know that too."

Lazio spokesman Michal Marr said the candidate "has the deepest sympathy" for the families. "It is Hillary Clinton who owes all Americans an apology for inviting people who have expressed support for terrorist groups like Hamas

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NEW YORK POST EXCLUSIVE POLL FOX 5 NEWS

Lazio's lead
is narrower
in new poll

By MAGGIE HABERMAN

Rick Lazio's lead over Senate rival Hillary Clinton has slimmed down — putting the candidates virtually neck-and-neck, The Post/Fox 5 tracking poll shows.

The rolling, statewide poll of 698 likely voters taken Monday through yesterday shows Lazio slightly ahead of Clinton, 46.6 percent to 45.2 percent. The number of undecided voters has gone down a point, to 5.5 percent.

The gap between the candidates has tightened since Tuesday, when Lazio led by five points. The numbers show Clinton making slight gains.

And with a 3.8-point margin of error, the race is a statistical dead heat.

Lazio's lead among crucial up-state voters has slipped to 11 points, with the GOP candidate leading 52 to 41. His numbers have also fallen some in the suburbs, but he's still ahead by 23 points, 58 to 35.

In New York City, Clinton's lead has slipped to 60 percent, while Lazio has stayed static at 29 percent.

Among Jewish voters, Clinton has regained momentum, now leading 56 percent to 33 percent. Lazio is favored by Catholic voters, 56 to 37, though he's lost a little ground there, as well.