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Hillary finds an effective stage for the future

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Time Warner Steps In To Save Apollo Theater, Calming Spitzer Storm

Proposed Arrangement Would Give Rangel a Chance To Exit Legal Feud With the New Attorney General; If Deal Dies, Victor Kovner Is Ready to Pounce

BY ANDREA BERNSTEIN

A proposed deal between Time Warner Inc. and the State of New York to run the non-profit Apollo Theater Foundation is mov-

ing closer to fruition and could be announced by the end of spring. And nobody will be more relieved than State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Under the terms of the proposed deal, Time Warner would get to use the historic 1,600-seat theater for HBO, CNN and its movie, television and music divisions, in exchange for "adopting" the troubled facility, providing board members, technical assistance, equipment and funds. In addition, Time Warner would review the role of Harlem politician-turned-entertainment mogul Percy Sutton, whose deal with the Apollo became the subject of

a legal action brought by former Attorney General Dennis Vacco in the heat of last fall's political campaigns.

In the meantime, *The Observer* has learned, the Apollo Theater Foundation has filed a malpractice lawsuit against the law firm of White & Case, saying that if attorneys had filed papers in accordance with the foundation's wishes, the Attorney General would have no basis for legal action.

Mr. Vacco's suit was filed against the theater's board members, including its chairman, Representative Charles



CHARLES RANGEL

Rangel of Harlem. And that's the heart of the problem for Mr. Spitzer: Mr. Rangel, a fellow Democrat, is not a good target for a young Attorney General who spent \$9 million of his family's money to win the state's top law enforcement job. Under the Time Warner deal, Mr. Rangel would leave gracefully, and that's all the state wants, officials said. Mr. Rangel wants that, too, so long as it doesn't look like he's being pushed—in which case, "I tell them to go to hell," Mr. Rangel told *The Observer*. But if he can leave on good terms, he'll be happy. "God knows I have better things to do," Mr. Rangel said.

But Mr. Rangel, the dean of New York's Congressional delegation, wouldn't be Mr. Spitzer's only problem if he isn't rescued by Time Warner. Mr. Rangel's lawyer is Victor Kovner, a bona fide friend of President Clinton—not somebody an ambitious Democrat would wish to annoy. And Mr. Sutton owns the WBLS-FM and WLIB-AM radio stations, both of which play a crucial role in getting out the black vote in New York City. These are all bad opponents for a man who clearly doesn't intend to finish his political career as Attorney General. But if Mr. Spitzer tried to wriggle out of the lawsuit, he'd have the *Daily News* editorial board to contend with—the *News* won a Pulitzer Prize this year for its editorials on the Apollo, helping to inspire

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WITH 'DUTCH AUCTION,' SALON MAY SCARE OFF I.P.O. DAY TRADERS

Nice Web Publication With Wretched Financials Seeks New Investors

WILL FOOLS JACK UP THE PRICE?

BY CHRISTOPHER BYRON

Let's say you hear of a Wall Street stock offering involving a money-losing Internet startup company in a conventional, low-

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Mr. Vacco's investigation. The *News*' editorial endorsement is also a sought-after prize in any political campaign.

"If [Mr. Spitzer] wants a long-term future, he has to figure out how not to piss off [Mr. Rangel]," said one high-level Democratic supporter of the Attorney General. "But he's a Democrat who benefited from black support, and if he makes it go away, he looks like he's corrupt."

"We are pursuing it wherever the facts take us," Mr. Spitzer said from his car phone while stuck in traffic on the F.D.R. Drive. "I am absolutely confident that the public will see that politics has no role, nor will it."

To understand the story of the Apollo Theater, you have to listen carefully to both sides, each of which fervently promotes an elaborate conspiracy theory for its adversary while denying anything but the purest motives for itself. And if you listen to the sides even longer, you'll find both want essentially the same thing—a revitalized Apollo Theater as the anchor of development along 125th Street, a professional board with members of the entertainment industry, and an exit strategy for Mr. Rangel. They just blame each other for why it isn't there yet.

The saga of the Apollo began in the early 1990's when the Apollo Theater Foundation was formed, operating under a lease with the state of New York. It was seen at the time as an act of salvation by the state. Mr. Sutton, who was an investor in the Apollo

and a close ally of Mr. Rangel's, was given a five-year contract to produce *Showtime at the Apollo*. The badly underfunded Apollo collected only \$50,000 a year. Critics charged that Mr. Sutton had gotten a sweetheart deal.

In 1997, with the Apollo in deep financial trouble, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Sutton approached Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin and president Richard Parsons, according to Mr. Rangel and to Time Warner sources. Mr. Rangel was trying to get out of his role with the foundation, and discussions were initiated to bring Time Warner in. Time Warner had twice held its board meetings at the Apollo, and a Time Warner source described a possible adoption of the Apollo as consistent with "where the company's values are." But when Mr. Levin's son, Jonathan, was murdered in June 1997, the talks became stalled.

In April 1998, members of the *Daily News* editorial staff, apparently at the behest of state officials, took a walk through the Apollo. In a series of editorials, "Showdown at the Apollo," the page decried the theater's condition, and pointed the finger at Apollo board members who, the *News* charged, had failed to collect the fees owed by Mr. Sutton, because the paper alleged of the close relationship between Mr. Rangel and Mr. Sutton. The Empire State Development Corporation, in the hands of Gov. George Pataki, a Republican, and his economic development czar, Charles Gargano, also made the cronyism charge. But Mr.

Rangel's partisans accuse Randy Daniels, a vice president of the E.S.D.C. and a Harlem resident, of stirring up trouble. They say Mr. Daniels is out to exact revenge on former Mayor David Dinkins through Mr. Dinkins' friend Mr. Rangel because Mr. Dinkins dismissed Mr. Daniels from a top communications post when he was hit with a sexual harassment charge that was never proven.

BIDDING WAR

After the tour of the theater, the *News* demanded that Mr. Vacco, a Republican, open an investigation. Mr. Vacco did. Meanwhile, the Apollo board opened bidding for a one-year extension of Mr. Sutton's contract. Mr. Sutton's bid came in at \$1.5 million—many times the \$250,000 he'd paid for the full five years before. A second bidder, African Heritage Network, also came in at \$1.5 million. As a board decision was being made, Mr. Sutton was allowed to increase his bid by \$100,000. The other bidder was not. The contract went to Mr. Sutton. "A board is entitled to give a contract to whomever it wants," claimed a defense source.

In late September, Mr. Vacco offered Mr. Rangel a choice: resign or be sued. Mr. Rangel wouldn't budge. A lawsuit was filed on Oct. 1, with Mr. Vacco asking for removal of the Apollo board, and that the board members be held personally liable for failing to collect the fees due from Mr. Sutton.

Defenders of the Apollo's current management make a curious claim. The state's

lawsuit contends that the board did not collect all it should have from Mr. Sutton. But the original 1992 contract between Mr. Sutton and the board, the defense argues, did not reflect the wishes of the board. It defined Mr. Sutton's profit, upon which the Apollo's fee would be based, too broadly. That's why lawyers for the foundation have filed a malpractice claim against White & Case, which drew up the original contract. Bolstered with memos and depositions, the complaint argues that the board never intended to collect much from Mr. Sutton.

"We gave our client too much money," said Philip Schaeffer, general counsel for White & Case. "Their claim is that it was too good for them. They think Mr. Sutton and his counsel were misled."

To Mr. Spitzer, all of this must have appeared like a fragrant pile of excrement, waiting for him at his corner office on the 25th floor of 120 Broadway. Privately, he has complained to associates the lawsuit was "badly drawn." Mr. Vacco's chief attorney on the case, Matthew Sinsverie, has been let go. He was replaced by Beth Golden, formerly a U.S. attorney in Minnesota who just happens to have worked for Penn & Schoen, now President Clinton's pollsters, back in the 1980's. (More conspiracies!) After a court date, Ms. Golden murmured something to a reporter about the case being "premature."

A spokesman for Mr. Spitzer, Scott Brown, described Ms. Golden's title as "Deputy Attorney General for Special Projects." What's a special project? Investigations such as this, he answered. Witnesses and attorneys involved in the case charge that Mr. Spitzer is desperately trying to back off it. But most revealingly, when asked for

a copy of the complaint, Mr. Brown was careful to describe it as "Vacco's complaint, not our complaint."

But while Mr. Spitzer handles it gingerly, Mr. Rangel, the state and Time Warner have been vigorously pursuing an adoption agreement. All three parties seem to be shrugging off Mr. Vacco's lawsuit. "We don't give a shit about the Attorney General's lawsuit," said a state official, who said the goal was always to bring the Apollo

a potential board member, perhaps even board chair. "I really can't comment on that," said Ms. Fay. "I think that's premature."

Mr. Rangel snarled at the notion that the board chair would be an outsider. "That's just silly!" he roared. Evelyn Cunningham, a dissident board member who quit earlier this year after a verbal altercation with Mr. Rangel, speculated that the new chair might be actor and current board member Ossie Davis. "He would satisfy both sides," she said.

Mr. Vacco had said that his lawsuit was designed to prevent the Apollo board from handing out another five-year contract to Mr. Sutton. That goal may have been achieved—the board has agreed to hand out a one-year contract, "until the Time Warner people come in, and review it," said a source familiar with the discussions.

Still, Mr. Sutton's role—the basis for the lawsuit, and all of the brouhaha—may not, in the end, change. Mr. Sutton's former City Broadcasting has a long-term relationship with Time Warner's cable systems unit, and "there's a lot of sympathy at Time Warner for Percy Sutton," said a source familiar with the negotiations. "They feel he genuinely tried to help the Apollo, and lost a lot of money."

What will happen on 125th Street? It may just be that Mr. Gargano gets his way. But that is also Mr. Rangel's way. And Mr. Spitzer's way. Out of all this politicking, some good may come.

And Mr. Spitzer will have dodged a very powerful bullet.



Attorney General Eliot Spitzer: Phew!

back to life. Time Warner seems to feel likewise. "They thought it would run its course and get cleared up," said a source familiar with the discussions.

AN OUTSIDER?

So Mr. Levin and Mr. Parsons have met with Mr. Rangel and Mr. Daniels. Mr. Spitzer has also talked to Mr. Parsons. And a Time Warner team has visited the Apollo. Toni Fay, Time Warner's vice president of community relations, has been mentioned as

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Grandstanding, Not Educating

By Richard I. Beattie

Once again, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is shrewdly leading us into a diversion: a discussion of the politics of education rather than the quality of education. Yes, the politics are sexier — sound bites attacking the school bureaucracy and support of poll-tested programs certainly grab headlines. But let's not be fooled. The politics have nothing to do with the issue of how public school education can be improved.

The Mayor proposes — and he is strongly opposed by Chancellor Rudy Crew — that we have publicly financed school vouchers, a popular position among Republicans and an advantageous position for someone who wants to appeal to that constituency in an election campaign. But vouchers do nothing for the public schools. In fact, they may hurt them, as the Chancellor argues, by taking money that would otherwise go to an underfinanced public system and channeling it to parochial and private schools.

In Milwaukee, which has experimented with vouchers for nine years,

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there is no evidence that using tax dollars to finance private education would in any way improve the education for students who remain in public schools. The claim that vouchers would inspire competition and thus motivate public schools to do better is, purely and simply, a fantasy.

Besides, competition already exists in all of New York's public high schools, from the best, like Stuyvesant, Science Skills Center and Middle

The politics of vouchers slights the public schools.

College High School at La Guardia, to some of the worst "zoned" schools. They compete with one another for students based on themes, resources and quality of teaching. Yet we don't hear the Mayor citing this competition as a step toward better education.

The Mayor also proposes the elimination of the seven-person central Board of Education. The board, on which I served from 1986 to 1988, is by and large irrelevant to what happens in the classroom. It is a vestige of a political compromise struck almost 30 years ago, and it is an annoyance to

both the Chancellor and the Mayor.

Get rid of it, sure, but do not be misled into thinking that will improve the quality of public education.

The one function it does serve, and has served well, is in selecting our chancellor. New York has attracted some of the best educators in the country to the job, including Rudy Crew.

Can a Mayor with an advisory committee select a chancellor just as well? Probably, but it's interesting to note that in 1995 Mayor Giuliani's choice to replace Ramon Cortines was someone who, under scrutiny, appeared to be unqualified. The board selected Dr. Crew over the Mayor's initial objections.

In the end, the Mayor's bellicose talk about blowing up the Board of Education is little more than a distraction. Why not talk about the capital budget and the crumbling physical condition of many schools? Why not talk about how to attract and retain better teachers?

And, while we're on the subject of the most important issue with respect to the quality of education — teachers — how about discussing their professional development? Private industry is constantly upgrading the skills and education of its employees. Teachers need the same opportunities.

We should not let politics sidetrack us from the tough task of improving public education. The children of New York City deserve much better. □

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First lady in town for Democratic dinner and school program

NEW YORK (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton visited a junior high school in Queens on Thursday and proposed a national campaign against youth violence in response to the school massacre in Littleton, Colo.

"I understand why any parent would be worried," Mrs. Clinton told reporters before meeting with students.

And later at a Democratic fund-raiser, she said she believes "we should have a national conversation and a national campaign against youth violence ... it ought to be part of the Democratic Party's policy to have it, not just to point fingers."

She said a national campaign should include better mental health services for kids, more controls on the availability of weapons, and parents and consumers limiting children's exposure to violent images on TV, the movies and video games.

"I don't think there is any one single strategy," she said. "We have a lot of young people who for all kinds of reasons are alienated from their friends, their schools."

She added: "Let's not let those children die in vain. Let's get ourselves organized and unified in a positive way."

In in talking to a group of 30 eighth graders at Junior High 226 in South Ozone Park, Mrs. Clinton said she was interested in seeing how the students from Trinidad, India, Puerto Rico, Guyana and other countries "deal with this incredible diversity." A bilingual class for children whose native language is Punjabi, which is spoken in Pakistan and India, was among her stops. She also visited a parent support group, a faculty lunch, a chorus and a science class.

✓ The hallway of the school was decorated with homemade signs bearing messages like, "The first lady is cool," and "Happiness is a visit from Mrs. Clinton."

Mrs. Clinton was taking part in the principal for a day program that brings hundreds of CEOs, celebrities and

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elected officials into public schools around the city.

The first lady was visiting New York for the second time in as many weeks and is planning another trip to the state May 7. In Buffalo, she will speak at an AFL-CIO conference on working women and is set to accept an award at Ellis Island.

Mrs. Clinton is considering running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated in 2000 by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said the first lady has "talked to a lot of people, heard different opinions, gotten advice. She is still weighing opinions."

Her possible opponent for that seat, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, was principal for a day at P.S. 123 in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Clinton attended a fund-raiser for the state Democratic Party Thursday night, where she talked briefly about the crisis in Kosovo and more extensively about the recent school shootings in Littleton, but students at Junior High 226 talked to her about both subjects as well.

In a social studies class where she spent an hour, one student, Rajkumar Mangra, asked the first lady her opinion of the bombings in Serbia.

"I believe it will eventually work. I believe it is a way of punishing the Milosevic regime," she said.

Later at the dinner, Mrs. Clinton was one of many honoring U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey of Westchester, who plans to run for the Senate seat should Mrs. Clinton decide not to.

Lowey didn't waste the opportunity to take a shot at Giuliani and praise Mrs. Clinton. She criticized the mayor for his handling of the city's education debate and called the first lady a "trailblazer and a role-model."

"We support her whatever the endeavor. I am certain that on Nov. 7, 2000, New York will elect its first woman to the United States Senate," Lowey said.

"New York does not need a senator who spends more time fighting with the schools' chancellor than he does fighting for our schools," she said. "We need a senator who will fight for New Yorkers, not with them."

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State Dems vow to elect a woman in 2000 - but who?

NEW YORK (AP) - She still won't say if she's running for U.S. Senate. But Hillary Rodham Clinton spent another full day in New York, capping it off with a speech to the state's top Democrats and making plans to return in eight days for her third visit in as many weeks.

Mrs. Clinton served as principal for a day Thursday at a Queens junior high school, then addressed a \$250,000 fund-raiser for the state Democratic Committee in the evening.

The guest of honor at the dinner was U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey of Westchester, who plans to run for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000 if Mrs. Clinton decides against it.

"I look forward to working, starting in January 2001, with the first woman senator of New York State," U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer told his fellow Democrats.

✓ But Mrs. Clinton shed no new light on whether she intends to be that woman.

Her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, would only say: "She's talked to a lot of people, heard different opinions, gotten advice. She's still weighing opinions."

The first lady spent two days in New York City and Long Island last week, and is scheduled to return to the state May 7 to attend an AFL-CIO meeting in Buffalo on working women. Two days later she is slated to accept an award on Ellis Island.

Most of Mrs. Clinton's comments throughout the day focused on issues related to the high school massacre in Littleton, Colo. At both the Queens school and the Democratic Committee fund-raiser, she called for a national campaign against youth violence.

The first lady said additional limits should be placed on access to weapons for young people, and also urged parents and consumers to limit their children's exposure to violent movies and video games.

"We have to do something about the culture of violence," she said, adding: "How do we send a signal to people who produce such media and to people who consume it? How do we create the same mind-set that turned drunk driving into a socially unacceptable act?"

Mrs. Lowey's speech focused more explicitly on local politics, launching a direct attack on the likely Republican candidate for Senate, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Referring to Giuliani's harsh criticism of the Board of Education and his feud with the city schools chancellor, Rudy Crew, Mrs. Lowey said: "Mr. Mayor, you cannot fix our schools by blowing them up. New York does not need a senator who spends more time fighting with the schools chancellor than he does fighting for our schools.

"We need a senator who will fight for New Yorkers, not with them," she added.

Like Mrs. Clinton, the mayor spent part of Thursday as a principal for a day. He went to P.S. 123 in Brooklyn, while Mrs. Clinton was at Junior High School 226 in South Ozone Park, Queens.

The first lady spent time visiting a social studies class, a science class, a parent support group, a faculty luncheon, a chorus, and a bilingual class for students from India and Pakistan whose native tongues include Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu. The school, which has 2000 students from all over the world, was decorated with homemade signs welcoming her, including one that read: "The first lady is cool!"

Mrs. Clinton also led a discussion with 30 eighth graders on topics ranging from the Littleton massacre to local gangs to where teen-agers turn for help.

One student sought her opinion on the bombings in Serbia.

"I support the continuation of the bombings," she said. "I believe it will eventually work. I believe it is a way of punishing the Milosevic regime."

She then explained, in words that teen-agers could relate to, why the campaign by the Serbs against ethnic Albanians is wrong: "We can't let anybody put down another group of people because of who they are."

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Is Rudy Crew a Quitter?

Ask that question of the schools chancellor himself and you're likely to get a punch in the nose as well as an emphatic, "No!"

But it is a question that must be asked because of recent rumblings that he's packing his bags over the voucher issue and several other very public battles with Mayor Giuliani. The odds are climbing that Crew is about to jump or be pushed.

He must step back from the ledge. The school system needs stability, continuity. Losing a chancellor — a good chancellor — before the job is done would be a giant setback.

But continuity alone will not fix what ails the system. It also needs a strong quarterback, a committed reformer. Even a revolutionary. That Giuliani has demanded as much is reasonable.

Crew has not always met that standard. He has been smart, honest and passionate. He clearly cares about kids.

But caring means dramatic changes. And Crew has too often been too cautious. Most important, he has been too slow to end social promotion, the most destructive practice in education. That must change. If it does, Crew will be remembered not just as a good chancellor, but as a great one.

Before Crew arrived in 1995, there had been three chancellors in six years, reading scores hovered around 40% and there was no direction. There has been progress, but the pace lags far behind other agencies'. Consider the Police Department's impact on crime, or the drop in welfare rolls.

When he took over from Ramon Cortines, Crew vowed to streamline that bureaucracy and weed out corruption. But outside of firing two top board officials, no dramatic changes have been made in that bureaucracy. And recent events suggest that the battle against corruption is moving slowly.

First, a Brooklyn district was found with its hand in the cookie jar, participating in a \$6 million scam that siphoned public money to Rabbi Hertz Frankel, the principal of a

religious school.

Then James Hardy was busted Tuesday when he attempted to collect an unemployment check after getting fired from a board job. One problem: He never worked in the job. For seven years, he collected a paycheck, received raises and good evaluations, but he never showed up to work. How could that happen?

Crew does have important plans in the works. He hopes to take direct control over the nearly 100 failing schools. That's promising because, in his Chancellor's District, eight of the 12 worst schools were taken off the failing list. And reading scores in those schools for Grade 3 have gone up 12.5%.

That's a start on the champion Crew must become. But only he can answer the questions: Is he willing to reach for greatness? Or is he a cut-and-run kind of guy?

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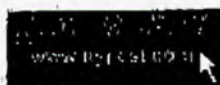
Guess it was only a matter of time before some New York kids morphed into would-be terrorists. Since the slaughter at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., last week, threats of student-on-student violence have swept the nation. Remember when a symptom of spring fever was kids' cutting classes? Now, they cut down other kids. Or, at least, threaten to do so.

The five eighth-graders who allegedly plotted to blow up McKinley Intermediate School in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, during June commencement ceremonies are scheduled to appear in Family Court today. Details on what was actually afoot and how far it had gotten are still emerging. The investigations proceed. Eventually, all will be known. Except, perhaps, how young psyches can become so warped.

Even if this turns out to be a mere prank, it cannot be dismissed. As Mayor Giuliani noted yesterday, "As far as how serious it was, obviously it was serious. Planning like that is, in and of itself, very serious."

Police said that at least one of the suspects had a handwritten manual of bomb-making instructions he had copied off the Internet, hate letters about his enemies and a hit list of students to be killed. Anyone carrying around that much lethal animosity was in big trouble even before getting caught. If it turns out it was all just a joke, that won't lessen the trauma.

The mayor praised school officials "for being alert and not missing possible signs that could have led to much worse." Credit, too, belongs to the student who reportedly overheard the five plotting and blew the whistle on them.



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UFT CHIEF RIPS RUDY FOR PAY-CUT

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The head of the powerful teachers union said yesterday City Hall threatened to slash their pay after she criticized Mayor Giuliani and sided with Chancellor Rudy Crew in the school wars.

"I guess I was a bad girl," said Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers. "It's obvious what kind of message he was sending."

Aides to Giuliani denied making any threat, insisting the call to Weingarten was a routine budget discussion.

"It's a typical response of the protectors of the status quo, such as the UFT, to try to manipulate a standard practice ... to try to interject it into the education debate in order to stop reform," said Deputy Mayor Randy Levine.

A top Board of Ed official called the alleged attempt to cut teacher pay "shocking."

"It's obviously something that would undermine the whole system. That's absolutely wrong," the official said.

Crew called it "the strangest thing in the world," and speculated that City Hall "wants to send a message of some sort."

Weingarten said she got a call from Giuliani's labor commissioner, James Hanley, on Tuesday informing her that the mayor was immediately suspending payments for "teacher support aid" - a fund that puts nearly \$1,000 a year in every teacher's pocket to make their salaries more competitive with those in the

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Last summer, Crew restored \$63 million for the payments - also given to teachers in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Yonkers - after Gov. Pataki struck the aid from the state budget.

✓ Weingarten said Hanley "told me they were going to unilaterally cut the salaries."

|| The UFT frantically began to mobilize against the pay cut, but Hanley called back in three hours to "withdraw the threat," she said.

Hanley's version differed. He said he thought there wasn't enough money to fund the pay program through the end of the school year - but found out later that afternoon there was enough money.

"I told her we have to sit down and begin discussions on how we were going to address the ... funding for the remainder of this year," he said. "There was no threat."

Last week, Weingarten warned that the 100 city unions would take a hard line in coming contract negotiations and called on Giuliani to set aside \$1 billion a year to pay for future wage hikes.

| She also has blasted Giuliani's plan to offer low-income parents tax money to send at least 3,000 kids to private schools and slammed his call to abolish the Board of Ed.

Meanwhile, the two Rudys remained at a tense standoff - with Giuliani still stewing since Crew fired off an angry letter to 600 civic and educational leaders on Monday accusing the mayor of "reckless" and "destructive rhetoric" against the school system.

"I'm waiting for Crew to explain his actions to me, and I think I have a right to that," Giuliani said at PS 123 in Bushwick, a high-performing school he visited as part of the "principal-for-a-day" program.

Crew, at downtown's PS 234 - also called the Independence School - expressed an independence streak of his own.

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Rudy Wants Words With Mutinous Crew

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A visibly impatient Mayor Giuliani said yesterday he was ready to call schools Chancellor Rudy Crew on the carpet and demanded an explanation why the chancellor bad-mouthed his plans to abolish the Board of Education.

"I'm waiting for Chancellor Crew to explain his actions, and I think I have a right to that," the mayor said.

"I don't know what he's talking about," a defiant and combative Crew fired back.
"I'm not afraid of the mayor."

The week-old power struggle between the two Rudys that has raised questions about Crew's hold on his job showed no signs of easing.

Giuliani suggested that Crew turn up at his office at City Hall on Monday for their weekly meeting. "Maybe he can explain to me what he did and why he did it," the mayor said. But Crew said no meeting was scheduled.



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Mayor Giuliani at
PS 123 yesterday.

"If the mayor needs an explanation in the media, I'll do it in the media," Crew said. "If he would like me to talk to him about it face to face, I'll do it that way."

Asked later if he planned to resign because of the turmoil, Crew answered, "No."

Since Crew came to the city in 1995, he and the mayor have disagreed over issues from school security to requiring foreign language classes.

But their once-friendly relations faltered after Giuliani pushed

ahead with plans Crew opposes — replacing the board with a commissioner and using public money for vouchers to send kids to private and parochial schools. Crew fired off a letter urging leaders to fight the voucher plan and blasting the mayor's remarks about the school system.

The split has raised questions about the future of the 1.1-million student system — which is beset with crumbling schools, poor test scores and a bureaucracy the mayor and governor call unaccountable.

Giuliani has no direct authority over Crew, who reports to the Board of Education. But the mayor appoints two of the board's seven members, and mayors historically exert considerable influence over the chancellor's selection, as Giuliani did with Crew.

At City Hall, there was a growing sense of inevitability that Crew's days in the job were numbered.

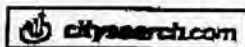
"It's not possible to repair, and Giuliani's not going to be forgiving," said one senior Giuliani adviser.

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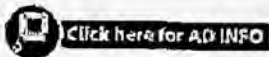
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Clash of Principals — Rudy and Hillary

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The shadow competition between New York's two potential Senate candidates took a new turn yesterday as Mayor Giuliani and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton played principal in city public schools.

For weeks, the two have inhabited parallel political universes, laying the groundwork for what could be a campaign battle for the ages.

Yesterday, their paths had an intersection of sorts, as both spotlighted the battleground issue of education by participating in the annual Principal for a Day program.

The First Lady jumped to the defense of city schools, positioning herself squarely in opposition to Giuliani's call for the system to be "blown up" and apparently alluding to the mayor's ongoing strife with Chancellor Rudy Crew.

"Let's not scapegoat or point fingers at an entire system when there is within that system a lot of very good schools right now, and the seeds for a lot more if we are united to make that happen," the First Lady said.

She spent the entire school day at Virgil Grissom Junior High School in South Ozone Park, Queens, a melting pot of 2,000 seventh and eighth-graders.

The appearance began her third trip to the state in 11 days. She was to cap off the visit by speaking at a dinner of the state Democratic Party in Manhattan last night.

"I hope that I will have a chance to hear from a number of you about what's on your mind," she said over the school public-address system.

Giuliani made what appeared to be a last-minute decision to

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be the principal at Public School 123 in Bushwick, Brooklyn. One of his Board of Education representatives, Irene Impellizzeri, agreed two months ago to be the school's play principal, but she was told Wednesday that Giuliani wanted to take the reins.

Cristyne Lategano, the mayor's spokeswoman, said he had planned for months to be a part of the program but decided only in recent days on the Brooklyn school.

The First Lady led a social studies class of 29 eighth-graders, asking for suggestions on how to prevent tragedies like last week's massacre at a Littleton, Colo., high school.

"I think how you treat each other, which starts in your heart, and your mind, is really important. You can pass all the laws in the world, and there is always somebody who could get around them," she said.

After the class, and after reporters were told to depart, she spoke to 70 senators — from the student government.

One of the senators asked about her potential campaign. "She said she was talking to people about it but hadn't made up her mind," said Principal Rhia Warren.

Giuliani encountered a similar political reminder. Student Amy Diaz, 11, announced to the mayor she wanted to be a lawyer and an actress. "I don't want to be a senator," she told him.

"Unlike you, I have a term limit," the mayor said with a smile.

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Rudy Gives Crew Public Snub No vote of confidence

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In a stunning public snub, Mayor Giuliani yesterday refused to say whether he wanted Chancellor Rudy Crew to remain in charge of the nation's largest school system.

The mayor made clear that his relationship with the chancellor was deeply — perhaps irreversibly — strained. Giuliani refused to say if Crew had his confidence, depicted him as an advocate of a haywire school system and twice brushed off questions about whether he should stay.

"I want the chancellor to present an agenda for reform . . . and not just defend the status quo," the mayor said. "You can draw all the conclusions you want from that."

Attending Board of Education meetings in Brooklyn, Crew said, "We'll get it sorted out," and aides insisted he wasn't job hunting.

When asked if he was penning a resignation letter, the chancellor said, "No, not at all, not at all."

"I can work with the mayor," Crew insisted. "I'm not being pushed" to leave.

A spokeswoman for the chancellor said Crew was trying to reach San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who has said he wants to hire Crew. The call is a courtesy, the aide said, and Crew "is not interested" in leaving New York.

Gov. Pataki, meanwhile, said he's working on his own legislation to abolish school boards in the state's largest cities,



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including New York.

Pataki said he would work with Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone on a separate New York City bill "if that has a greater likelihood of passing" the Legislature.



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After several days of nasty public exchanges, the signs of trouble between Crew and the mayor were unmistakable.

Crew has tried to get Giuliani on the phone since the chancellor released a fiery letter Monday attacking Giuliani's proposals and calling his statements about the system "destructive."

The mayor hasn't called back.

Their once-chummy relationship took a fateful turn last week, when the mayor said the school system should be "blown up" — and announced he'd push ahead with a plan to use public funds to pay for vouchers to send kids to private schools. He's also teamed with Vallone on legislation to abolish the board.

Crew's letter, faxed around the city, labeled the mayor "reckless" and said Giuliani was, in essence, telling educators they were "wasting their time."

As for the mayor's refusal to weigh in with a vote of confidence, Crew said, "I have confidence in my leadership."

Approval of Giuliani's plans for the board and vouchers are far from assured. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) has said the mayor's plans will be dead on arrival in the Democrat-controlled chamber.

With William Goldschlag, Frank Lombardi and Tracey Tully

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The Revolution Is Now!

Mayor Giuliani is under fire for saying the city's school system "should be blown up." Considering the passionately hostile reactions to that, you'd think he was soliciting contributions for detonator caps. But then, change does frighten some people — the kind who are stuck in the muddy philosophy of "we've always done it this way."

They appear to be unaware that we *haven't* always done it this way. That there was a time not so very long ago when most New York City schools really worked, when children from every neighborhood and income group could read and write and do arithmetic without calculators.

Somewhere along the way, complacency set in. Followed by excuse-making and a warped idea that it was more important for kids to feel good about themselves than to achieve anything.

Lost in the sniping over Giuliani's remark is something else the mayor said, which cuts right to the bone of educational contention. It deserves a reasonable and reasoned response. "What," he demanded, "is the agenda for radical reform? Or is the agenda to keep the system exactly the way it is?"

* Radical reform. Revolution. The schools require nothing less — Slouching along toward some distant, barely defined goal guarantees failure — for the system itself and for the 1.1 million children it is supposed to be serving. Worst of all, educrats have lulled the children into a false sense of security about their lack of achievement. (See "social promotion.")

Of those 1.1 million pupils, fewer than 50% can read at grade level. Think of what will happen when they are turned out into a world that demands, at the very least, basic competence.

What the mayor is saying is this: You don't like *my* ideas for drastic change? Then give me *yours*. The emphasis is on "drastic." Under the overly cautious reform proposals emanating from 110 Livingston St., it will take at least a dozen years to raise that grade-level reading percentage to a merely acceptable 70%. Youngsters now in first grade *might* be able to read their diplomas when they graduate from high

school.

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One example of how the Board of Education manages to sabotage reform: the dispute over teacher rules at charter schools. Such schools are supposed to set their own budgets and curriculums so they can be independent of the board's stifling influence. Yet even before 11 existing schools could be converted to charter schools, the board was negotiating the terms with the teachers' union. Sort of defeats the entire purpose, doesn't it?

Today's students are supposed to be New York's future. Unless there are sweeping changes, that future is either very bleak or must be ceded to a generation that got its schooling elsewhere. Granted, the city will always need someone to flip burgers and trap subway rats, but that will still leave a substantial number of individuals unemployable.

Unaccustomed as it is to revolutionary ideas, the board has been put on notice. It must either join the revolution or get out of the way.

All Fouled Up

Albany's Foul 14 are getting sneakier by the day. It's bad enough these Democratic lawmakers are suing to overturn a law that withholds their pay for failing to pass a budget on time. Now they're shopping for a sympathetic judge.

When Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Richard Huttner told them that if they want to sue Gov. Pataki and Controller Carl McCall, they must file in Albany, the legislators simply dropped those two officials from the suit. That left only the State of New York as defendant, but it insured that Huttner, a fellow Democrat, would hear the case.

At issue is a law that grew from a deal between Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and state Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno that permitted the pay deferral in exchange for a numongous 38% pay hike. Now that the budget is late for the 15th year in a row, the Foul 14 want the law declared unconstitutional. And, yes, they want to keep the raises.

The ringleader, Manhattan Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, says he didn't vote for the law, so it's okay for him to sue. But those who did vote "yes" are cheering him on. Among them is Silver, who is allowing his staff to assist with the lawsuit. If he put as much time and effort into passing a budget, he and his colleagues would have been paid by now. Instead, they're looking for ways to stick it to taxpayers by larding \$3 billion more pork into the budget. Maybe somebody should sue them for impersonating public servants.

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Senate passes school violence bill as Assembly adds gun control

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - A political standoff threatens school violence legislation.

Just as the Senate passed Gov. George Pataki's anti-school violence legislation, the Assembly pulled back the version it had passed last month in order to stick two gun control measures on it.

"This last-minute effort to change the debate will not work," Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno declared Wednesday.

Lawmakers have focused on anti-school violence legislation since Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold allegedly killed 12 classmates and a teacher in a Littleton, Colo., high school before turning their guns on themselves.

Even though both New York legislative chambers have now passed a school violence measures this year, the Republican-controlled Senate and Democrat-dominated Assembly must agree on one version and Pataki, a Republican, must sign it if the bill is to become law.

Though Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Bruno called for conference committees to resolve their differences, Bruno cast doubts on the Senate's participation because of the Assembly's gun control language introduced Wednesday.

Silver's "attempt to shift the focus of the debate from school safety to gun control is nothing more than blatant partisan politics that could poison attempts to get an effective school safety measure into law," Bruno said.

Silver countered: "It's unfortunate that Senator Bruno would like to limit the issues that should be considered."

Silver promised Wednesday that if "it goes to conference committee, the full range of issues goes with it."

Pataki has called for banning assault-style weapons and other measures to make guns harder to get, the Assembly speaker pointed out.

The Senate's passage of Pataki's bill, called the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education, came only two days after the governor proposed it.

→ It would toughen penalties for gun crimes, allow teachers to remove disruptive students from classrooms and encourage retired police officers to work in schools by allowing them to keep their state pensions.

The Assembly passed its "Safe Schools Safe Children" bill back in March but Silver withdrew it to add provisions to ban assault weapons and require gun owners to store and lock firearms in their homes if children live there.

Assemblymen say their bill is similar to the Senate's, but includes prevention programs to keep school violence from happening.

"If we can prevent that action of violence ... that will be worth all the penalties we can ever put in legislation," said Assemblyman Steven Sanders, D-Manhattan and chairman of the Assembly Education Committee.

However, Senate Republicans showed where they stood on the gun provisions by refusing to amend Pataki's bill with the same language put forward by Senate Democrats.

The Assembly's new proposals include a state ban on military-style assault weapons like AK-47s and Tech-9s and gun magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

"Assault weapons are used for no legitimate purpose but to kill the most people in the least amount of time," said Assemblywoman Naomi Matusow, D-Westchester, who has championed the ban for several years.

Tougher laws would also be enacted on people who use assault weapons for criminal or terrorist activity under the provision, she said.

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RUDY-HILLARY SENATE RACE IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL

By SUSAN EDELMAN

The possible Senate face-off between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Mayor Giuliani will heat up today as the potential candidates stake out turf as "principal for a day" at city schools.

The First Lady, who will be the guest commander-in-chief at an intermediate school in South Ozone Park, Queens, and Giuliani, who will be top dog at a Bushwick, Brooklyn, elementary school, aren't likely to cross paths.

But the possible rivals for the 2000 Senate race are taking part in the guest principal program at a time when Giuliani's battle with Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew over school vouchers and "blowing up" the Board of Education is coming to a boil.

Crew, who's also set to visit several schools, is bitterly opposed to the city-funded vouchers.

Mrs. Clinton came out against the controversial vouchers last week, shortly after Giuliani unveiled the \$12 million plan when he released his budget - setting the stage for a possible campaign battle.

This is Mrs. Clinton's first visit to the Big Apple since the brawl between Giuliani and Crew erupted this week over the mayor's plans to press state lawmakers to abolish the board.

A spokeswoman for Public Education Needs Civic Involvement, the group behind the guest principal program, declined to get involved in the education flap - and said the organization is "thrilled" about Mrs. Clinton's visit.

"Hopefully, it will shine a national spotlight on the value of very successful business and community leaders coming into schools,"

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spokeswoman Jennifer Eason said.

More than 1,000 guest principals - including several business bigwigs and political and entertainment types - will spread out across the city.

In the five years since it kicked off, the program has brought donations to city schools for new playgrounds, gardens, books and internships.

"We bring in funds to enhance what's good in public schools," Eason said. Mrs. Clinton will spend most of the day at the Queens school, mingling with students and teachers.

Later in the afternoon, she plans to take part in a "town meeting" with about 350 other guest principals at the New York Public Library. The discussion will be moderated by interviewer Charlie Rose.

Giuliani won't be going to the library town meeting.

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8th-Graders Accused In Brooklyn Bomb Plot

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Daily News Staff Writers

Five eighth-graders were arrested for allegedly plotting to blow up their Brooklyn intermediate school after they came to class with bomb-making instructions and a hit list yesterday, police said.

The terrorist wanna-bes planned to build a bomb that would rip through The McKinley Intermediate School during Commencement Day ceremonies June 28, Board of Education spokeswoman Karen Crowe said.

Allegedly, they also plotted to set some of their victims on fire.

Cops made two thorough sweeps of the Bay Ridge school, also called Intermediate School 259, last night but found no explosives, police spokesman Corey Cuneo said. They were searching the youths' homes as the students were being questioned at the 68th Precinct stationhouse last night.

The suspects' names were not released, but they are all pals, ages 13 and 14, authorities said. Police sources said they were not believed to be gang members.

The chilling plot emerged eight days after two students killed 13 people and themselves at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Authorities could not say if the Brooklyn suspects were copycats.

"In this environment, at this point in time, I am taking nothing for granted," Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew said. "I will not now, or ever, really, err on behalf of just assuming that it's just a prank. I'm going to assume that this was intended to hurt children, or hurt adults, and to hurt this school."

Marina Segal, who has a daughter in seventh grade at McKinley, said, "I can't imagine something like this at this

school. This is one of the best schools in Brooklyn."

One boy had a book bag containing a handwritten manual on bomb building he had copied off the Internet, police said. He also had a hit list of students they planned to kill and hate-filled letters about their enemies, Cuneo said.

Crowe said a female student overheard the teens' plans for disaster and reported them to the principal about 3:45 p.m. School officials notified police, and the teens were pulled out of class and charged with second-degree conspiracy, a felony.

"A student reported to school authorities that she had overheard five boys planning to violently harm students and staff at commencement ceremonies in June," Crowe said. "Absolutely this is being taken seriously."

Crowe and the District 22 Superintendent Vincent Grippo were at the school last night, answering questions from worried parents.

"We're very upset. We're taking it very seriously and will remain vigilant," Grippo said. "We swept twice already, and we will have a police presence throughout the night and throughout the day tomorrow."

Counselors will be assigned today to the school for any student seeking help, Crowe said.

"This is terrible. If they are doing this, they want to go down in history," said Valerie Fastovskaya, 13, a seventh-grader.

This week, at least 16 states across the country had incidents in which students planned attacks similar to the rampage in Colorado.

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**'IT'S OVER' FOR CREW,
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NUMBERED?**Chancellor Crew wears a
somber expression
yesterday at a Board of
Education meeting in
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Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew is as good as gone, an influential administration insider has told The Post.

"It's over and it's only a question of time before Crew leaves," said the high-level insider, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The mayor is getting tired of pushing and pushing from the sidelines and then be[ing] criticized in public by the chancellor.

"The fact is, we've had to push the chancellor every step of the way ... This relationship is on its last legs."

Giuliani's communications director, Cristyne Lategano, tried to downplay the official's statements, saying: "I think it's somebody speaking for himself ... We're not pushing him out."

But at a news conference in Central Park, Giuliani didn't give a single word of encouragement to Crew and eventually told reporters he wouldn't answer any more questions about the chancellor.

"Rudy Crew should present an agenda for reform. That is the only thing that will impress me now," Giuliani said.

The mayor earlier said he wouldn't take responsibility if Crew threw in the towel, saying: "People have to make their own decisions about what jobs they want, what jobs they don't want."

Told by reporters that the mayor didn't express

any confidence in the chancellor's leadership of the schools system, Crew said: "I have confidence in my leadership ... I don't work for the mayor. I work for the Board of Education."

He also denied he plans to leave.

"No, I'm not on my way out. I can guarantee that."

Over the last month, the two have battled over Giuliani's support of taxpayer-funded school vouchers to subsidize private-school tuition and the mayor's proposal to "blow up" the Board of Education and replace it with a system run by a mayoral appointee.

At a scheduled Board of Education meeting in its Brooklyn headquarters, Crew initially ignored a crush of reporters but then returned to answer questions about his future.

"I can work with the mayor," Crew said. "I've always been able to work with the mayor and continue to want to do that."

~~Deputy Mayor Ninfa Segarra, a mayoral~~ appointee to the board, said she was also hopeful that the two Rudys could hammer out their differences.

"I think they will be able to mend it," she said.

~~City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, who also~~ wants to abolish the board, said he wants Crew to stay.

"We should do everything we possibly can to keep him here. It's a very frustrating situation - I can understand that - for everyone concerned," Vallone said.

Crew's spokeswoman, Chiara Coletti, expressed frustration over reports the chancellor is on his way out.

"Who's planting this rumor that he's resigning?" she asked reporters.

"It's got to be coming from somewhere."

Crew has also been unsuccessfully trying since Tuesday morning to schedule a sitdown meeting with the mayor this week, Coletti

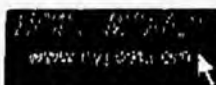
said.

"The mayor's a busy man," she said with a laugh.

Lategano said Crew canceled his weekly Monday meeting with the mayor and that the two men would meet next Monday.

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EDITORIAL

REPLACING RUDY CREW

These days Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew is playing defense. A growing list of people wants to tear down the city's sclerotic educational bureaucracy and start afresh. Mayor Giuliani is ready to give at least a few city kids an education by sending them out of public schools and into private ones with a voucher program. With faxes flying and egos taking some hits, the betting around town centers on just how long Crew will last in the job.

THE NEW ROSENBERGS?

The Chinese nuclear-spy scandal has revealed, yet again, that the Clinton administration lies the way babies breathe: rapidly and frequently.

GOOD NEWS ON TEEN PREGNANCY

Though America's youth culture has given us little hope as of late, there's good news amidst the Littleton horror.

THE CENTENARY OF SIR DUKE

Today is the 100th anniversary of Duke Ellington's birth, and it is altogether appropriate that his life is being celebrated nationwide in both song and spoken word.

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Schools Chancellor Rudy Crews listens to members speak during yesterday's Board of Education meeting.

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Fault Line

Mayor: Crew can decide to stay or go

By Robert Polner and Sarah Kershaw
Staff Writers

DON'T BLAME ME.

That's the word from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who declared yesterday that he's not responsible if Rudy Crew resigns as city schools chancellor.

"I wouldn't be responsible for it," Giuliani contended. "People have to make their own decisions about what jobs they want, what jobs they don't want. So I think that's just a political displacement of responsibility."

Giuliani, whose searing criticism drove Ramon Cortines to resign as chancellor in 1995 - a move that temporarily sank the mayor's poll ratings - made his remarks on Day 3 of the Battle Between the Rudys. The fight emerged Monday, when Crew sent out a letter to 600 political, civic and education leaders and the media condemning Giuliani's "destructive rhetoric" on school reform.

The two men, self-described friends and allies, have not talked to each other since the letter became public.

Crew, for his part, was met by a platoon of reporters at the school board's monthly public meeting yesterday at 110 Livingston St. in Brooklyn Heights.

Is Crew planning to quit? "No, not at all, not at all," he said.

Has Giuliani pushed him close to his limit? "No, I'm not being pushed. If anything, I'm being pushed to try to finish this work," Crew referring to improvements he wants to make in the school system.

Can the chancellor still work with Giuliani? "I can work with the mayor, I have always been able to work with the mayor and I continue to want to do that."



AP Photo
Giuliani

A reporter pointed out that Giuliani now refuses to voice

confidence in Crew's leadership. Crew was blunt in reply: "I have confidence in my leadership."

Crew added: "We've always had an agenda for radical reform all along, and we're going to stay true to that." Crew has split with Giuliani over the mayor's proposal to fund vouchers for private and parochial school tuitions. "The only thing they haven't agreed on is the question of vouchers," said Chiara Coletti, Crew's spokeswoman. "The chancellor does not believe for one minute that sending a handful of kids to parochial schools is a radical reform."

Crew also rejects the mayor's proposal to abolish the Board of Education and make Crew the city education commissioner. "Commissioners are mouthpieces for mayors; that is not a reform," Coletti said.

Yesterday's back-and-forth brought black and Latino members of the City Council out in front of City Hall to condemn the mayor's move toward school vouchers. Aides to the mayor had predicted last week that minority council members would back the mayor's pilot voucher program.

"This is a sugar pill, it is not a reform," said Councilman Adolfo Carrion (D-Bronx).

Giuliani held a Central Park news conference in the morning that quickly turned to the fate of Crew, who is appointed by the Board of Education.

"As I said, what I'd like to see is an agenda for reform," Giuliani said when asked if he still had confidence in Crew.

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Consider using Giuliani's recent comment, that the NYC school board should be "blown up," as an indirect swipe against him to remind people that what is needed in leadership is the willingness and capacity to work to achieve positive ends, not threats to "blow up" an entire system, at the expense of NYC's kids.

If you decide to use this approach, it will have to be employed adroitly, but his language has been so harsh and uncompromising as to open him to very legitimate criticism, even if only indirectly. Begin to build the case of a referendum on Giuliani's character attributes. In effect you have the political/policy leader of the City saying, do it my way or I will blow it up. His thuggish language is that of the school yard bully. (There has been too much blowing up in this country -- Oklahoma City and most recently, Littleton.) It is not language that portray effective leadership, the willingness to compromise, and the ability to forge positive results. It makes even his supporters uneasy and questioning of his ability to forge constructive compromise among legitimate competing interests. It certainly is not the language and attitude of someone with ambitions to serve effectively the state of NY in the US Senate. With his attitude, NY will surely suffer if he is its champion in the senate.

The First Lady

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I am not suggesting that you mix it up with Giuliani directly. Much too early and just what the press wants. But he has not been restrained in criticizing you directly for being a carpetbagger and lacking experience. His harsh language of the past week, provides an opportunity to indirectly remind people of some of the qualities they should look to in a senator, of the role and needed attitude of elected officials and of his harshness and uncompromising attitude.

Attached is today's New York Times editorial on the subject.

so, beyond the range of contingency plans. If sentiment within the alliance changes, Mr. Clinton would be well advised to start moving troops and weapons to the Balkans to keep the option open and to increase the pressure on Mr. Milosevic.

Congress should not limit Mr. Clinton's hand on such preparations. But if the President chooses to send ground forces into battle, he will need the full support of Congress and the American people. Yesterday he assured the House he would seek Congressional support. To act without it would invite the kind of division and political unrest that developed

spending.

Clinton's \$50 billion air war and assistance to ethnic Albanians driven from Kosovo. Instead the House is moving to provide more than double that amount, with additional money for a military pay raise, construction projects and other matters that should be considered as part of the normal Pentagon budget. The Senate is likely to do the same. Using the war to circumvent budget limitations is a misuse of Congressional power and will not help NATO prevail in Yugoslavia.

The War of the Rudys

The latest battle between Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew could not have come at a worse time. New York City's students face tough new testing standards, and politicians in Albany are squeezing funds from the city's schools. Cynics might be forgiven for wondering whether the Mayor and perhaps even the Chancellor are looking for a diversion.

Dr. Crew says he is absolutely not searching for another job, but he is at a point that often tempts reformers to decamp. New standards and other changes have been put in place, but not for long enough to judge how well they work. Mr. Giuliani asserts that his emphasis on education is neither new nor an attempt to set the stage for a Senate run. Even so, his strong words on vouchers, on Dr. Crew and the Board of Education all make him sound like a politician trying to make sure he does not get blamed for the school system's problems.

New York City's schools have endless needs, but none more critical than stable leadership. Dr. Crew has come up with ambitious standards and initiatives. But because many of these steps are underfinanced and far from fully realized, this is no time for him to leave. As for the Mayor, his chief focus should be on giving the Chancellor the support he needs, particularly when it comes to lobbying Albany for promised aid that the Governor wants to withdraw.

Mr. Giuliani began his tenure by battling Schools Chancellor Ramon Cortines. Mr. Cortines was replaced by Dr. Crew, whose relationship with

Mr. Giuliani was what the Mayor called "a partnership of shared principles." The State Legislature then passed a major school governance reform, giving the Chancellor far more direct control over local school boards. The Board of Education got a new chairman and members with whom the Mayor seemed able to work.

Now, using language similar to his anti-Cortines campaign four years ago, Mr. Giuliani is again calling for radical reform and defending his comment that the system should be "blown up," as he put it so crudely last week. Although he has since tried to temper his tone, the Mayor also accused the Chancellor of "a rigid defense of the status quo." That is also an exaggeration that mocks the Chancellor and others who have sincerely tried to change the schools according to the Giuliani-Crew format.

This page supported Mr. Giuliani's plan to abolish the school board. We also agree with Dr. Crew that the Mayor's obsession with school vouchers is a useless distraction. But neither man can be allowed to use these debates as a way to dodge his own responsibilities.

Dr. Crew needs to calm down. Mr. Giuliani needs to acknowledge the conflict between his call for greater mayoral control of the schools and his advocacy of a voucher system that would deprive them of money and public support. During the Cortines wars, Mr. Giuliani was the radical reformer. Now he is a lame-duck Mayor whose political future will not be enhanced by running off an effective Chancellor.

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Talked to Gabe Pressman today, the dean of the political reporters in NY. He very much wants to get to know you. He recalled to me that when Bobby Kennedy ran for senate, he established a good relationship with Kennedy. He said that initially Kennedy was very press shy, but become one of the most accessible politicians to the press he ever knew.

He is doing a 2 hour special on Giuliani and the police this weekend and told me that Giuliani has refused to appear in the program. I have the very distinct impression that he is not a fan of Giuliani.

I think that you should meet with Gabe on a completely off the record basis just to get to know one another. He is very fair, and if he likes you, he will give you a break from time to time. He also very much sets opinion among the political reporters in NYC.

He is off this coming Thursday, so will not be at the event.

You might consider calling him as a follow up to my call today, just to say hello and to say that at some point you would like to meet with him on an off the record basis.

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KOPPEL GOES FOR HILLARY

ABC's Ted Koppel says first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would make a "great" senator, reports Gail Shister in Wednesday editions of the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER.

"She's focused, she's smart, and her vision of policy is a clear, perfectly legitimate one," The NIGHTLINE anchor tells the paper.

"She'd give a lot of force to propelling that vision through the legislature in the Senate."

It looks like Hillary has found herself a chief of staff.

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From Harold Ickes (v)

Re NY Democratic State Committee JJ reception/dinner on
29 April 1999, Marriott Hotel, NYC.

This event consists of 3 elements.

- 5 -6 pm. County chairs meeting with HRC. We need to discuss format you would like. I have suggested to Judith Hope that since you have not personally met many of these people, she should introduce you to each personally in an informal setting, and then towards the end have you say a few words to the group as a whole, answer a couple of questions, and then move on to the larger reception. Undoubtedly, each will want a photo with you. Why not.

You may want a different format. Lets discuss.

- 6:15 - 7:00 pm. Reception for large donors/fundraisers. Presumably Judith will take you around and introduce you to selected people. Since you are speaking at the dinner, I suggest that you not make general comments here, other than speak to people individually.
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Dinner. Attached is the proposed schedule of speakers, with you to be last. I told Judith that you were fine with whoever else she wants to speak -- her decision, not yours.

The First Lady

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I assume you will sit through the whole dinner. It is sold out. The only issue is whether you want a rope line after you speak or whether you will work the tables (expected to be about 50 to 60 of 10 seats each). I strongly suggest the latter. People want to get the hell out of the dinner after you finish speaking. In addition, these are party "insiders," and I think it better form if you are taken around to each table and introduced individually to people.

However, all is flexible. Lets discuss.

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Harold,

Enclosed is a suggested program for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner next Thursday, April 29th. Let me know what you think. We can simplify it down to two or three speakers, if you think that's best. NO ONE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED ANY ROLE AS OF YET.

If she is coming, I need to let Marc Humbert know before it gets out into the general press, or he will be really pissed.

Thanks,
Judith

Tentative Program For Jefferson-Jackson State Committee Dinner

6:00 PM Founders Committee private reception begins

6:30 PM General Reception begins

7:15 PM Guests asked to take their seats

7:30 PM Reverend James Forbes of Riverside Church gives invocation and brief remarks

Off stage mike introduces Executive Chair Mike Schell
Mike welcomes guests and introduces Judith Hope

Judith Hope makes acknowledgements and introduces Event Chair Mel Weiss

Mel Weiss introduces Attorney General Eliot Spitzer
Eliot Spitzer gives remarks

Judith makes acknowledgments and introduces Charles Rangel
Congressman Rangel gives remarks

Judith Hope presents Mayor David Dinkins with his award
Mayor Dinkins gives remarks

Judith Hope introduces Sheldon Silver

Sheldon Silver introduces Nita Lowey

Nita Lowey gives remarks and introduces First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

First Lady gives remarks

Judith Hope closes program

8:15 PM Dinner is served

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Silver Says Mrs. Clinton Sounds 'Very Interested' in Senate Bid

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WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton kept talk of her could-be Senate candidacy alive on Friday, huddling in the White House with the New York Legislature's top Democrat and the state's party chief.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and state Party Chairwoman Judith Hope joined the swelling ranks of New York Democrats journeying to Washington to meet with the first lady about a possible Senate bid.

"I'd say she's very interested. That's what I'd say," Silver said after a more than one-hour meeting with Mrs. Clinton in the White House Map Room.

Former Clinton administration advisers Harold Ickes and Mandy Grunwald also breezed into the White House early Friday afternoon for a meeting with the first lady. Both are allies of Mrs. Clinton's with strong connections to New York.

Asked about a possible Senate race, a smiling Ickes said, "I don't know anything about it."

Mrs. Clinton has still not said whether she will run

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Silver, an Orthodox Jew, said he had also asked Mrs. Clinton about statements attributed to her advocating an independent Palestinian state. He said Mrs. Clinton

had clarified on Friday that the statements were made after conversations with the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"It's an issue that needs clarification as to what her position is. I've heard her position. I respect that and I understand the context in which it was made," Silver said.

Jewish voters are a crucial block in any New York race and Mrs. Clinton's most likely Senate race rival, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, has already attacked her remarks as seemingly pro-Palestinian.

Hope, an Arkansas native, has been one of the primary boosters of a Clinton candidacy. She met with the first lady late Friday afternoon.

"Judith had a very productive meeting with the first lady. While there were no new developments, the process of making a careful educated and an informed decision is continuing," said Matthew Hiltzik, a spokesman for the state Democratic Committee.

Mrs. Clinton has already held White House meetings with Moynihan and Sen. Charles Schumer.

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Top Dems, first lady meet about Senate run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton kept talk of her could-be Senate candidacy alive on Friday, huddling in the White House with the New York Legislature's top Democrat and the state's party chief.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and state Party Chairwoman Judith Hope joined



Clinton

the swelling ranks of New York Democrats journeying to Washington to meet with the first lady about a possible Senate bid.

"I'd say she's very interested. That's what I'd say," Silver said after a more than one-hour meeting with Mrs. Clinton.

Former Clinton administration advisers Harold Ickes and Mandy Grunwald also breezed into the White House early Friday afternoon for a meeting with the first lady. Both are allies of Mrs. Clinton's with strong connections to New York.

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Pataki proposes school-violence bills ^{B2}

Albany Measures would crack down on campus gun crimes and impose controls over unruly pupils

By JOHN CAHER ^{TW}
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A wide-ranging package of legislative proposals aimed at reducing school violence by toughening penalties and giving administrators more control over unruly students was proposed Monday by Gov. George Pataki.

The package, which comes in the wake of the Colorado tragedy, would increase penalties for school-related gun crimes and eliminate the "youthful offender" shield so that 14- and 15-year-old students could be tried and sentenced as adults.

Pataki also proposed giving teachers and principals more power to remove disruptive students and called for a media campaign to focus attention on school violence and parental responsibility.

"None of these proposals, or even all of these proposals, if adopted in their entirety are going to overnight solve the question of violence in our schools," Pataki said Monday.

Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno of Brunswick said the Republican-controlled Senate will pass Pataki's bills on Wednesday. The Democratic Assembly passed

its version of a school safety bill on March 15 by a 140-4 vote.

The competing bills share many of the same objectives, such as getting disruptive students out of the classroom and increasing penalties for school-related crimes.

However, the Democratic version focuses more on prevention than punishment, while the Republican plan focuses more on punishment than prevention.

Bruno complained that supporters of the Assembly bill "are just reluctant to do what is right to protect the potential victims and victims here in this state."

But Assemblyman Steven Sanders, a New York City Democrat and sponsor of the school safety bill in the lower house, said the primary aim should be to "prevent the violence from happening in the first place."

"It does the victim and the victim's family little good to be told after the fact that we are going to treat harshly the perpetrator of the crime," Sanders said.

He said last week's massacre at a Colorado high school suggests harsh penalties would have done nothing to deter the two students who orchestrated the bloody ram-

page. Authorities say the youths inflicted upon themselves the ultimate penalty: death.

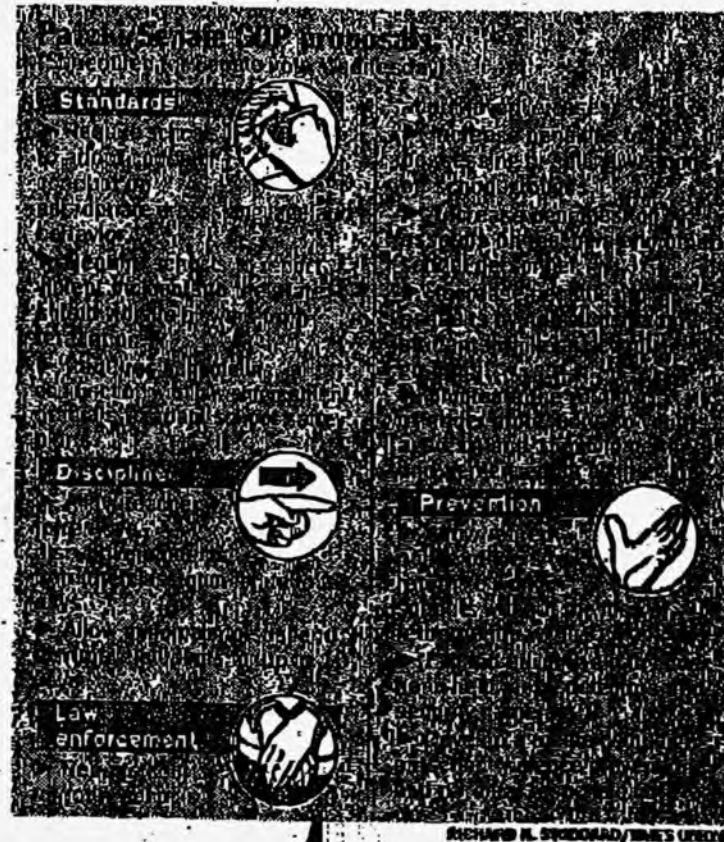
"Our best chance of preventing violence is to put resources into the schools to identify youngsters who might be inclined to commit violence," Sanders said. "These kids (in Colorado) left clues and warning signs all over the place for a year. Part of the tragedy in Colorado is that those warning signs, those clues were not heeded. The parents didn't do anything. The school didn't do anything."

Joseph A. Glazer, president of the Mental Health Association in New York, said a great deal of school violence is preventable and cautioned against a knee-jerk response to the events in Littleton, Colo.

"When you see these acts, you are more than likely seeing the symptoms and not the cause," Glazer said.

Sanders' bill would increase mental health services, guidance programs and social service offerings available to students, with the aim of identifying and treating potentially violent youths before a tragedy occurs.

Pataki, however, said the Assembly bill is too weak on the enforcement side of the equation. He said individual teachers ought to have the power to summarily get rid of



troublemakers — Sanders would centralize that authority so the standards would be consistent — and insists on tougher criminal sanctions.

"There are a number of very weak points (in the Assembly bill)," Pataki said.

Pataki said there are aspects of the Assembly bill that he could support, and Bruno said the differences in the competing proposals could be ironed out in legislative conference committees — which is what Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver proposed last year.

MAYOR'S REMARKS ON SCHOOL SYSTEM ASSAILED BY CREW

600 LEADERS GET A LETTER

Chancellor Defends His Record as Giuliani Seeks Vouchers and Abolition of Board

By ANEMONA HARTOCOLLIS

Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew accused Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani yesterday of dismissing the city's school system and everyone in it "as no good and beyond redemption," sharply escalating the recent series of disagreements between the two men and raising questions anew about whether the Chancellor intends to remain in New York.

In a letter sent late yesterday to 600 political, civic and educational leaders in New York and Albany, Dr. Crew replied in tones of anger and dismay to the Mayor's comment last week that the school system was "dysfunctional" and should be "blown up."

"When the Mayor declares that the whole school system should be blown up, he tells 1.1 million children and thousands of parents, teachers and administrators that they are wasting their time," the Chancellor wrote. Noting that Mr. Giuliani had urged him not to take last week's remarks personally, Dr. Crew added, "It is hard to tell these thousands of people not to take it personally when the Mayor is implying that their achievements have amounted to nothing."

Aides said Dr. Crew felt compelled to defend his record and the school system as a whole in light of Mr. Giuliani's determination during the last five days to press ahead with his campaign for vouchers and for the abolition of the Board of Education in favor of a commissioner who would report directly to the Mayor. The Chancellor's office faxed copies of the letter to the news media.

The Chancellor's public attack on the Mayor heightened a growing sense of crisis in the relationship between the two men, who have taken pains during the last three and a half years to demonstrate that they have a warm relationship and a productive partnership. It also renewed questions among school officials, union leaders and others about whether Dr. Crew was committed to remaining in New York City or was looking for a new job.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Giuliani, apparently unaware that the letter was being faxed from the Chancellor's office as the Mayor spoke, repeated that he did not mean his criticism of the system to be interpreted

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Crew Responds Angrily to Giuliani's Broad Criticism of the School System

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as a personal insult to the Chancellor.

"I don't say anything about our relationship other than I don't understand it," Mr. Giuliani told reporters at a police graduation ceremony. "I mean, the things that I've said last week, I've said over and over again, and I've said to Rudy Crew directly."

Mr. Giuliani has proposed a voucher program using tax dollars to pay the private-school tuition of 3,000 children from low-income families. He says the plan would provide an escape from failing public schools and create competition that would improve the public school system.

Like previous mayors, Mr. Giuliani has argued that the Board of Education serves the political interests of the five borough presidents more than the schoolchildren it should represent. He has proposed putting the schools directly under the control of the Mayor and the City Council.

Both proposals face an uncertain future in the Council and in the State Legislature.

The Mayor did not return calls seeking comment on Dr. Crew's letter. Maria Segura, Mr. Giuliani's Deputy Mayor and appointee to the Board of Education, returned the call, saying she was distressed that Dr. Crew had gone public with his attack instead of trying to resolve his differences privately.

"I think it hits the outer limit," Ms. Segura said of Dr. Crew's letter. "To imply that the Mayor meant to offend the children of the city and to consider them hopeless is unfair."

The escalating war of words was reminiscent of the tensions between the Mayor and Ramon C. Cortines, Dr. Crew's predecessor, which ended in Mr. Cortines's abrupt resignation and a frantic search for a new Chancellor. Dr. Crew, selected in summer 1995, was a compromise candidate, quickly embraced by the Mayor.

Since then, Mr. Giuliani has gone out of his way to praise Dr. Crew's performance. Dr. Crew, for his part, has gone to great lengths to give Mr. Giuliani credit for recent increases in financing for the arts, reading programs and computers. But now, said Dennis M. Walcott, president of the New York Urban League, the Chancellor is "drawing his line in the sand, saying, 'Enough is enough.'"

Dr. Crew was returning from a conference in Roanoke, Va., yesterday, his spokeswoman said, and did not want to comment further.

The spokeswoman, Chelva Colella, said Dr. Crew had been mentioned for the Superintendent's job in San Francisco, which is vacant, but denied that he was interested.

"He's not on the way out," she said. "When he really thinks his honor is at stake, and the honor of public schools — he sees New York as the symbol of the country — he's the kind of person who digs in his heels."

In his letter, Dr. Crew denounced

the Mayor's comments as "destructive rhetoric." Citing a litany of achievements and outstanding goals for the future, the Chancellor wrote, "We will not succeed by engaging in reckless statements that discourage vibrant new teachers from signing up to work here and demean the millions of New Yorkers who so successfully entered America through the portals of the New York City public schools."

Some said Dr. Crew's vehemently public reaction to the Mayor's comments hardly seemed calculated to dampen speculation about his con-

tinuance to the job. "Usually these things are worked out behind closed doors," said Frank J. Macchiarola, the Schools Chancellor from 1978 to 1983, who is now president of St. Francis College in Brooklyn. "What does it mean? It may mean the Chancellor will be looking for another job. I wouldn't put that out of the realm of the possible."

Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers, the city teachers' union, saw echoes of the Cortines dispute. "I just pray — sorry to invade prayer — but I pray that people of good will will help stop

this before we have another situation like what happened with the Mayor and Chancellor Cortines," she said.

Jacquelyn Kanda, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council, said Dr. Crew had articulated many of the frustrations parents with the public school system. She said she had been shocked by the Mayor's image of blowing up the school system just days after the massacre at a high school in Littleton, Colo.

The feud between Dr. Crew and Mr. Giuliani burst into the open in March, when Mr. Giuliani began aggressively lobbying Testi Thomano, the Queens member of the Board of Education, to support his voucher plan. Upon learning of the lobbying effort, Dr. Crew threatened to resign.

After a weeklong standoff, Mr. Giuliani appeared to back, saying he and the Chancellor "would work this issue out." Dr. Crew told his board that vouchers were "off the radar."

The issue seemed dormant until Thursday, when Mr. Giuliani presented a revised voucher plan in his new budget. Mr. Giuliani said the new plan would be operated from City Hall, in an effort to defuse objections by Dr. Crew.

A day later, Mr. Giuliani and Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone said they were working together on legislation that would abolish the Board of Education, probably replacing it with an education commissioner, appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council.

Yesterday, Ms. Colella, the Chancellor's spokeswoman, said Dr. Crew agreed that the seven-member board was overly political, but believed that a commissioner appointed by the Mayor would be even more subject to political whims.

Board of Education members, who said they had not been consulted by the Chancellor before receiving his letter, divided along their usual lines, with allies of the Mayor criticizing Dr. Crew's approach and allies of the Chancellor supporting him.

Sandra Lerner, the Bronx member of the board, said she supported the Chancellor's letter, but worried that Mr. Giuliani would retaliate by withholding money for education. Jerry Cornsman, the Staten Island board member and usually an ally of Mr. Giuliani, said he continued to have confidence in Dr. Crew's leadership, but hoped that he would reconsider his position on vouchers.

Pay Issue Snarls City Charter School Talks

By JULIAN E. BARNES

A negotiating session over converting 11 existing public schools to charter schools was canceled yesterday after discussions among the teachers' union, school administrators and city officials broke down when the city said the newly independent schools might increase teacher salaries.

Giuliani administration officials said that if those teachers' pay went up, it could set a pattern that would undermine negotiations with other unions. For their part, officials from both the Board of Education and the union, the United Federation of Teachers, accused the city of trying to scuttle charter schools in New York City. School board officials said it was Chancellor Rudy Crew's opposition to Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's voucher program that had unleashed the hostility from city officials that led them to interfere in the charter schools negotiation.

"We didn't seem to be having these problems two months ago," Deputy Chancellor Lewis H. Spence said. "Now the city seems to be defecting from the partnership the Chancellor and Mayor established to move it forward."

A state law passed last year allowed public schools to convert to charter schools if a majority of parents vote to support the switch. Charter schools are free of local public school regulations and can set their own budgets and curriculum.

In February, Dr. Crew named 11 schools to make the switch this fall, and the union and school officials have been negotiating since April 13 over teachers' rights in the independent schools. Yesterday's negotiating session was to have put the final touches on a deal allowing charter school teachers to retain their pension and health benefits, Randi Weingarten, the union president, said.

Mr. Spence said city labor negotiators called him yesterday morning and said they were worried that charter schools would have the power to give their teachers a raise. "This just strikes me as a bizarre concern," Mr. Spence said. "They seem prepared to

scuttle the whole charter movement over this."

James P. Manley, the Mayor's labor negotiator, said the board canceled yesterday's 1 P.M. negotiation session after he asked them to slow down the talks. It was not known when the talks would resume. Slowing the negotiations could keep any city schools from becoming charters in the fall, Mr. Spence said.

Under the new state law, charter school officials have great latitude in how they spend their money and run the schools. But Mr. Manley said the city did not want salaries to be raised unless teachers increased their productivity.

"Every other union will say you are giving them more money without increases in productivity," Mr. Manley said. "We don't bargain in a vacuum. Everyone is looking over their shoulder."

Union and board officials said charter school boards and teachers could vote to increase salaries, but the teachers could also decide to work longer hours without additional pay.

While board and union officials believe such salary increases are unlikely because of tight budgets, city officials said the schools could get private grants.

Union leaders said some of their members would be unwilling to continue teaching at a charter school unless they can be assured of keeping their pensions, health benefits and seniority. "We were worried about the good teachers leaving these good schools because they didn't have their basic pensions, their basic health care," Ms. Weingarten said.

Mr. Spence accused mayoral allies of trying to impose bureaucratic regulations on schools that are supposed to be free of red tape.

"If you start regulating them, you will destroy the whole purpose of charter schools," Mr. Spence said. "The whole purpose is to get the heavy hand of bureaucracy off of them so they can flourish. This is the bureaucratic deadening of the charter schools we have been fighting."

Rudys' New Rift

Chancellor says mayor's rhetoric deters reform

By Dan Janison and Sarah Kershaw
STAFF WRITERS

Passionately defending the public schools, Chancellor Rudy Crew yesterday launched his broadest and bluntest public criticism to date of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, whom he said "silences and discourages" reforms with his "destructive rhetoric."

In a pointed letter, Crew said: "When the mayor declares that the whole school system should be blown up, he tells 1.1 million children and thousands of parents, teachers and administrators that they are wasting their time in schools that he has suddenly dismissed as no good and beyond redemption."

With that declaration, the personal rift between City Hall and 110 Livingston St. has reopened — barely three months after Giuliani boasted in his state-of-the-city speech of the solid relationship he's built with Crew and the Board of Education. "If we don't figure out a way to get along, then we hurt the kids," the mayor said at the time.

Last week, Giuliani revived his long-running call for dismantling the Board of Education, increasing tensions with Crew that grew with the mayor's call for private- and parochial-school tuition subsidies.

Crew's letter, addressed to "Friends and Colleagues," was sent to 600 organizations and individuals and posted on his office's Web site, aides said.

Speaking for Giuliani, Deputy Mayor Ninfia Segarra called it "very disturbing" and "unfortunate" that Crew "used language that personalizes and questions the mayor's motives."

"You can have that debate without personal language," Segarra said.

Randi Weingarten, president of the influential United Federation of Teachers, expressed "full support" for the Crew letter.

Before the letter's release, Giuliani earlier in the day denied personal friction with Crew, saying, "There is disagreement about a policy." He chided reporters: "Stop with the personal stuff. You guys can't cover an issue."

In an effort to demonstrate that Crew isn't quitting, however, board spokeswoman Karen Crowe said San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown wanted to recruit Crew as school superintendent but Crew told aides "If Willie B. calls, I'm not going to be interviewed, because I want to stay in New York."

Because the state Assembly's Democratic majority opposes both the voucher and board-abolition measures, both points are moot, Assembly Education Committee Chairman Steven Sanders (D-Manhattan) said yesterday. Crew has threatened to quit if either passed but also confidently predicted they would not.

One high-ranking source close to Crew said yesterday, "the back and forth between the mayor and chancellor is kind of distressing," but that the chancellor wants to make it clear "he isn't anyone's water boy" — neither the mayor's nor the board's.

The official said he didn't think Crew was ready to

walk off the job, "but it's affecting him. Anyone can be pushed to the point where the job is no longer attractive."

"This [rift] is totally externally driven by the fact that the mayor is seeking higher office ... about the mayor getting headlines," the source added.

"The mayor now has different priorities, different agendas, different supporters he's appealing to and a different kind of election coming," Sanders said.

Giuliani has sought to rev his drive for demolishing the board at this point by insisting, erroneously, that "one of the major changes now" is Council Speaker Peter Vallone's support.

Vallone (D-Astoria) called for such a measure in his own 1995 school-reform

proposal, which Giuliani praised at the time. Vallone told *Newsday* yesterday, "For 10 years I've been talking about ... [now] the system simply doesn't work."

Until recently, he said, "I don't think the mayor understood or appreciated it ... he thought the problem was the chancellor."

Other critics say Giuliani is seeking to insulate himself from the bad news the school system faces. First-ever fourth-grade reading tests, due out shortly, are expected to underscore problems in the city, as did a recent state test. And in January, Gov. George Pataki ordered a probe of attendance-figure shenanigans in the city schools.

Staff writer Robert Palmer contributed to this story.

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Crew's Critique

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achievements that thousands in our school community have fought to attain over the three and a half years of my administration.

"We will not succeed in this genuinely American mission by sending a handful of children to parochial and other private schools with vouchers. We will not succeed by placing the public school system under the control of any one Mayor and any one political party. We will not succeed by engaging in reckless statements that discourage vibrant new teachers from signing up to work here."

— Rudy Crew letter, dated April 26

ALL ERG Mayor Giuliani listens to Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew during press conference at City Hall earlier this year. Crew launched missile yesterday slamming mayor.

Crew's fighting words

Poison-pen letter rips mayor's voucher plan

By MICHAEL D. BLOOM and JAMIE WASSERMAN
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Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew escalated his battle with Mayor Giuliani to new heights yesterday, issuing an extraordinary letter that took the mayor to task for "reckless" and "destructive" remarks about the school system.

The letter, typed and mailed to 600 politicians, education leaders, advocates and others, exhorted them and "all the citizens of this great city" to fight Giuliani's \$12 million voucher plan, which Crew called an "insult" and "an attempt to dismantle" the public schools. "When the mayor declares that the whole system should be blown up," Crew wrote, referring to Giuliani's comments last week, "he tells 1.1 million children and thousands of parents, teachers and administrators that they are wasting their time in schools that he has suddenly dismissed as no good and beyond redemption."

"I believe the mayor when he says that such rhetoric is not aimed at me personally," Crew said. "It is hard to tell these thousands of people not to take it personally when the mayor is implying that their achievements have amounted to nothing."

The letter, marking Crew's most forceful criticism of Giuliani to date, reflects the chancellor's new strategy of openly battling the mayor's proposals to give publicly funded vouchers to parents for private school and to dismantle the Board of Education.

Earlier yesterday, Crew sharply canceled his regularly scheduled Monday meeting with Giuliani, saying he was speaking at a superintendent's conference in Hot Springs, Va. Efforts to reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

Responding to the letter, Deputy Mayor Nicholas Segarra, one of Giuliani's two Board of Education appointees, said it was "unfortunate (Crew) chose to enter such language into the debate."

"I don't think he puts us in a constructive position to have a debate over the issues," she said.

While asked earlier in the day whether the mayor still had full confidence in Crew, Giuliani spokeswoman Christine LaSagna told a reporter, "Umhm, let me call you back."

Crew has threatened to resign over Giuliani's voucher and Board of Education plans. Sources close to Crew said

yesterday that he was "not a quitter" and would not resign. But, they said, Crew felt compelled to "engage in a verbal war" with Giuliani in the wake of statements by the mayor.

A turning point came April 18, when Giuliani presented his voucher proposal to Crew in front of aides to both men. According to one source, Giuliani's tone at the City Hall meeting was, "This is what I'm doing, take it or leave it."

"That's what did it," said the source. A few days later, during his budget speech, the mayor said the school system should be "blown up" because it is "dysfunctional."

At that point, Crew told aides he believed Giuliani

had severed their once-close relationship.

The two are at loggerheads over Giuliani's proposal to use public money to take about 3,000 students out of city classrooms and send them to private or parochial schools.

Parents would get a voucher to help pay tuition.

While Giuliani says the competition would force backslider public schools to improve, Crew fears a voucher program would strip public dollars from needy schools.

Their relationship also has been strained by clashes on the future of the educational system in New York.

The mayor and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone are working on legislation to abolish the seven-member Board of Ed and replace it with a system giving the mayor and Council more control.

Such a plan would face an uphill battle for approval by the state Legislature.

In his letter, Crew warned the school system would fall "under the control of any one mayor or any one political party."

One board member, Irving Harner of Manhattan, said the school system had benefited from the friendship between Giuliani and Crew, and worried it would fall victim to the tarnished relationship.

The disagreement "cuts off a successful pattern of support, and there is a lot more to be done," he said.

Pay dispute threatens charters: board

A dispute over teachers pay at highly touted charter schools is threatening the program before a single student enters the classroom, union and Board of Education officials charged yesterday.

They also suggested the mayor's office was backing away from discussions on charter schools because of Mayor Giuliani's worsening relations with Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew.

Giuliani administration officials said they were concerned the program could turn into a unmerited windfall for teachers.

There is concern "we would be withdrawing to death within our own school system," said James Hanley, who heads the city's Office of Labor Relations. "It's a way of paying teachers

more money."

A meeting among the school board, the teachers union and the mayor's office was abruptly canceled yesterday.

The mayor's office is "willing to scuttle" charter schools, said Deputy Schools Chancellor Lewis Spence, who called City Hall's concern "blatant."

"I'm very, very puzzled," said Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers.

Crew was pushing to convert about a dozen schools to charter schools, which would focus on such themes as business and music, and operate outside the school bureaucracy.

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Pataki Seeks Stronger Penalties for Violence in Schools

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

ALBANY, April 26 — Citing the Colorado school killings in his effort to push for new laws in New York, Gov. George E. Pataki presented a package of proposals today that would stiffen penalties for violence in schools and make it easier to remove disruptive students from classrooms.

The bill would also require school districts to draw up codes of conduct, establish a statewide system for collecting information on violent incidents in schools and step up public education campaigns intended to reduce student violence.

The Governor has often spoken about the importance of improving school safety, and many of his proposals were not new. The State Senate, which is led by his Republican allies, has approved legislation in recent years that includes several of the proposals but the bills have died in the Democratic-controlled Assembly.

The Assembly Democrats have

their own school safety plan, which does not go as far as the Republicans' proposal in toughening punishment and also focuses on setting up programs that its sponsors say will help prevent violence.

At a news conference today, Mr. Pataki took a conciliatory approach to the Assembly Democrats and emphasized that he was not trying to use the high school shootings in Littleton, Colo., for political advantage. He said that after years of impasse, he hoped that the two sides could reach an agreement.

"This is not the time for politics and partisanship," he said. "This is not the time for pointing fingers or passing blame. This is the time for us to come together as New Yorkers and parents."

He added that he would probably announce further proposals in the coming months based on the work of a task force that he created, which is led by Lieut. Gov. Mary O'Donohue.

The Assembly Democrats responded that they, too, would like to arrive at a compromise, but such

differential comments do not necessarily suggest that a deal is at hand. In previous years, the bargaining over school safety has become entangled in the horse-trading over other measures, including the state budget.

Still, both the Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver, and the Senate majority leader, Joseph L. Bruno, signaled that they were ready to form a conference committee to negotiate legislation, a step that did not occur last year.

The Governor and legislative leaders were able to agree last year on a law that allows 14- and 15-year-old students who have loaded firearms in school to be prosecuted as adults in criminal court and subjected to greater penalties.

This year, while there is some agreement on new legislation, there are three major areas of disagreement. Mr. Pataki and the Senate Republicans want some crimes that are now misdemeanors, like possession of unloaded firearms on school property, to become felonies. The

Democrats favor increasing penalties, but not as much as the Republicans do.

The Republicans are seeking to give teachers more authority to remove disruptive students from classrooms, while the Democrats express concern that such a move would lead to students in the same schools receiving different penalties for similar offenses. They want this authority to remain largely with principals.

While the Republicans call for no new financing, the Democrats want to allocate money for counseling and other programs that they say will help limit school violence, though they decline to give exact amounts.

"It does the families of the victims little good to know that after the fact, we have taken harsh steps against the perpetrators," said Assemblyman Steven Sanders, a Manhattan Democrat who is chairman of the Education Committee. "We need to, to the extent possible, have resources in the schools to identify youngsters who are at risk and intervene before the tragedies occur."

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It's All About Rudy Crew

Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew yesterday ratcheted up the rhetoric in his escalating dispute with Mayor Giuliani — underscoring, in the process, his basic lack of understanding of the present state of public education in New York City.

Crew is under the misapprehension that the schools seem to be working — and that, indeed, as good as things are these days, they're getting even better.

He criticizes Giuliani's "unwarranted attacks against [the] New York City public schools and the Board of Education," adding that "while no one better can . . . give due credit to the work that we have done," he decided to write one anyway.

And he decided to distribute it to "colleagues" of the system — which may loosely be defined as people in symbiotic relationships with 110 Livingston St.

Giuliani's impatience with the Board of Ed came to a head with his proposal to replace it with a mayorally appointed commissioner of education.

Crew took it all personally — petulantly, to be perfectly clear — and announced that there is no fit place for politics in the public-school system.

Oh, really? Does Crew honestly believe that the Board of Ed doesn't already seethe with politics? Or is it that he thinks that a system vesting control of education policy in trade unions, borough-level politicians, corrupt local school boards and a bought-and-paid-for Legislature is preferable to handing power to a mayor who's directly answerable to the people?

Certainly, the chancellor is inordinately proud of the results produced by the present system. The mayor's language, says Crew, "silences and discourages the reforms and achievements that . . . [have been attained] over the three-and-one-half years of my administration."

There it is: It's all about Crew, who apparently really does believe the New York City public-school system serves well the 1.1 million children who attend it — when, in too many cases, the spirit moves them.

There's a crisis building here — and the coming debate should be informed by these two questions: Do the schools work better now than they did four years ago? And can any chancellor make the system work given the present governance structure?

In each instance, the answer is: no.

Pataki and GOP unveil school safety plan

By Kevin Hogan
The Record

ALBANY — Hoping to avoid the type of school violence witnessed in several other states, Gov. George Pataki and Republican legislators Monday proposed a package of school safety and violence prevention measures for the Empire State.

"Tragedies like last week's sadistic attacks in Littleton must renew our determination to protect our children," Pataki said.

His Project Safe Schools Against Violence in Education bill is expected to be passed by the Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday. The Assembly's 98 Democrats and 52 Republicans approved a similar, but smaller, bill six weeks ago.

The Senate bill would toughen penalties for gun crimes, allow teachers to remove disruptive students from classrooms, encourage retired police officers to work in schools by allow-

ing them to keep their state pensions and improve reporting of violent incidents in schools.

Pataki also reiterated his support for a state ban against assault weapons.

"We all know there is not one bill, or one particular change we can make, that is going to overnight make our schools safe and our communities safer. It's a whole chain of steps that have to be taken to break a cycle of violence beginning at the

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youngest age," Pataki said.

Besides the initiatives he laid out Monday, the governor said there needs to be more emphasis on reducing domestic violence and expanding parental responsibility in New York.

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Pataki downplayed the Democrat's plan as too weak and not tough enough on penalties for students who bring guns into schools and fails to let teachers remove disruptive students from the classroom for up to 10 days.

Meanwhile, Democrats said Pataki and Senate Republicans have focused too much on punishing perpetrators instead of preventing school violence.

Although Republicans denied there was any political motivation behind the release of their school violence bill less than a week after the Colorado incident, some Democrats seemed less convinced.

"It didn't take another tragedy at another school for the Assembly to pass its bill. We did that almost two months ago," said Assembly Education Committee Chairman Steven Sanders. "Many of the things that the governor has

talked about are already in a bill the Assembly passed."

Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno said Pataki's 17-point plan was in no way a

"knee-jerk reaction" to last week's Littleton shooting.

Pataki stressed that school safety has always been a top priority in his administration. He also noted that he announced the formation of a task force to study the school violence problem in his January State-of-the-State message.

A newly created state task force, which is chaired by Lt.

Gov. Mary Donohue, will still hold public hearing on school violence across the state in May and June. Its report will likely be presented to the governor in September.

Given this latest tragedy in Colorado, Pataki said, it was time to take action.

"I think we have to do everything we can to take some immediate steps now and not wait for the task force to report back," he said.

Another important component of Pataki's plan, according to Bruno, is providing "whistle-blower" protection to school employees who report violent incidents in their schools.

"Schools too many times want to protect their reputation as being the safest place to be," he said. "Well, we know that they are not safe many times, and they punish people who report incidents."

Although Republicans and Democrats said it was time to put the school violence issue above partisan bickering, each side Monday lobbed criticism at the other.

"This is not the time for politics and partisanship. This is not the time for pointing fingers or passing blame," Pataki said. "This is the time for us to come together as New Yorkers, as parents, put aside political differences and work to achieve the greatest possible safety in our schools for our children."

Moments later, Pataki ripped into Democrats for continuing their liberal agenda of blocking

passage of tougher crime laws. The Assembly majority "is reluctant to hold a person criminally culpable for conduct that is adhorrent," he said.

"They have not supported the tougher criminal side, such as making it a felony to assault a teacher or having mandatory minimums for the sale, use or possession of firearms on school grounds."

"That's not true," responded Sanders, the sponsor of the Assembly's Safe Schools/ Safe Children Act. "The Assembly bill creates tougher penalties, creates tougher suspensions, and tougher consequences."

Pataki's characterization of the Assembly's plan was misinformed, added Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's spokeswoman Patricia Lynch.

Pataki appears to have simply "fallen back on a sound bite" and ignored the facts, Lynch said.

"Given the (Colorado) tragedy, you've got to put the partisan politics aside. Some of the charges he made this morning are simply incorrect. Other issues that he attempted to address, he was either not knowledgeable of what our position is, or was not fully aware of the bill that we passed," she said.

The Assembly stands willing to discuss any differences that may exist or additional legislation that could be enacted to increase school safety and prevent violence, Lynch said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Pataki, GOP lawmakers push school violence bill

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
The Associated Press 4-27-99

ALBANY — Calling the killings of school children in Colorado "sadistic," Gov. George Pataki and Republican legislators on Monday said they would push for tough school violence legislation to help keep students safe while they learn.

"Tragedies like last week's sadistic attacks in Littleton must renew our determination to protect our children, to help them

grow up healthy and strong," said Pataki, whose Safe Schools Against Violence in Education bill is expected to be passed by the Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday.

Police believe two Littleton, Colo., high school students killed 12 of their schoolmates and a teacher during a rampage last week before killing themselves.

Pataki's bill would toughen penalties for gun crimes, allow teachers to remove disruptive students from classrooms, encour-

age retired police officers to work in schools by allowing them to keep their state pensions and improve reporting of violent incidents in schools.

According to a survey by the state Education Department in the 1996-97 school year, 5 percent of students said they felt so unsafe they skipped school; 7 percent said they had been threatened with a weapon on school grounds within the past year; and 14 percent said they had been in a physical fight in school during the time period.

Republicans denied trying to make political hay off the Colorado shootings. Pataki pointed out he's always been an advocate of reducing school violence, including addressing the issue in his January State of the State message when he announced newly elected Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue would head a task force on the issue.

"The governor's message this morning isn't just a knee-jerk reaction," Senate Ma-

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School violence task force to schedule public hearings

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seniority Leader Joseph Bruno said.

Nonetheless, Pataki said he was acting now, in part, because of the Colorado shootings.

"I think we have to take steps now and not wait for the task force to report back," he said.

Two weeks ago, Pataki appointed the 20-member task force he had pledged in January and told the members to report to him by this fall. The task force will hold public hearings in May and June.

Officials did not know how much Pataki's new legislative package would cost, but the governor said it would not require any increases to his proposed budget of \$72.7 billion.

Moments before Pataki's news conference, the state Assembly's Democratic majority passed out a news release reminding reporters it passed its own anti-school violence proposal back in March.

"I think it's responsible for everyone to be talking about school violence in the wake of what happened in Colorado," said Assemblyman Steven Sanders, a Manhattan Democrat who serves as Education Committee chairman.

Meanwhile, some members of the Assembly's Republican minority unveiled their own idea for reducing school violence — "dress and personal appearance codes" for schools.

"Let's leave outrageous, individual expression outside the classroom and offensive clothing at the schoolhouse door," James Tedisco, a Schenectady Republican, said.

"This is not the time for partisanship or politics," said Pataki, before pointing out the Assembly Democrats' plan did not include his and the Senate GOP's call for tougher penalties for having guns at school or to let teachers remove disruptive students from the classroom for up to 10 days.

Democrat Sanders said Pataki and the Senate Republicans have focused too much on punishing perpetrators instead of preventing school violence.

Both Pataki and Sanders did call for a legislative conference committee to work out differences between the Republicans and Democrats.

Linda Rosenblatt, spokeswoman for the New York State United Teachers, said a conference committee would be a good idea. "There are appealing things about both bills," she said.

Sanders said the Colorado shootings make it more likely a school violence bill will become law this year.

Pataki also reiterated his support for a state ban against assault weapons.

"Part of the package of legislation this administration will propose will include a ban on assault weapons under state law," he said.

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Pataki offers school safety plan emphasizing tougher penalties

By TOM PRECIOUS

News Albany Bureau

ALBANY — In the aftermath of last week's Colorado school shootings, Gov. Pataki on Monday proposed a package of new and old ideas to make schools safer, such as giving more power to teachers to remove disruptive students from class and significantly increasing penalties for children who carry or use guns on school property.

The proposal, expected to pass the Senate on Wednesday, would double the length of school suspensions for unruly students to 11 days, let schools dip into a special fund to purchase hand-held metal detectors and security cameras and instruct teachers to recognize early signs of a crisis on school grounds.

But the governor's plan, critics warn, is top-heavy on the punishment side, and does little in the way of helping school officials intervene early enough to identify and help students with the kinds of behavioral problems that could lead to violence. Noting the timing of the governor's sudden announcement, on Monday, they warn that his ideas would do nothing to target the kinds of problems that led to the Colorado school violence that left 15 dead.

The shootings at the high school in Littleton last week has politicians rushing to react to a problem that school officials and teachers say they have been pleading for help with for years.

With the Colorado slayings as a focus, Capitol observers say, this may be the year that something is done to address school safety.

"I would hope we could find a spark of good out of the Colorado tragedy by agreeing that this is the time for the Senate and Assembly to come together," said Assemblyman Steven Sanders, D-Manhattan, chairman of the Education Committee.

Pataki rushed out a package of bills, even though a school violence task force that he appointed, which is headed by Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue, is weeks or months away from completing its work.

"As a parent, there's no question that we should act today," Pataki said.

His package includes several ideas that have floated around the Capitol for at least three years. The proposal would require incidents of school violence to be in-

cluded in the annual school report cards distributed by the state Education Department.

Also, family and criminal courts would have to notify schools about students who have been convicted. Increased penalties would include a mandatory five-year sentence for gun use at schools and attacks on teachers would be a felony. And retired police officers would be encouraged to work in schools by having their pensions not lowered.

But school districts and even some teachers did not jump at Pataki's call to give teachers power to suspend students from class for up to 10 days.

"That's an administration responsibility," said Andrew Maddigan, a spokesman for the Buffalo school system.

Suspending students without hearings might not only be unfair, but would require some districts to increase spending on home-based teachers who would have to go out to the neighborhoods to provide instruction to suspended students. School officials worry about rules being widely interpreted if schools could have dozens of teachers making decisions on suspensions.

Critics said the governor's proposal falls short on what to do with students suspended from school. They warned that suspended students will simply be left to hang out at home or on the streets unless more alternative places are opened. They also noted that last year, Pataki vetoed funding for such centers.

School officials also worry that the governor's proposal, unlike an Assembly version, does nothing to provide for more counselors and other mental health workers.

"Probably the most important thing you can do is early intervention and treatment of the whole family," said Philip Rumore, president of the Buffalo Teachers Federation.

Rumore and others said school-based counseling programs are still feeling the impact of cutbacks from a decade ago. He said counselors in the Buffalo system have caseloads as high as 800 students.

"What we have is rhetoric without substance," Rumore said.

"We already have more cops in schools than psychologists and social workers," said Joseph Glazer, president of the Mental Health Association of New York. "What are we doing to resolve anger at schools?"

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No Region Can Afford to Ignore School Crime

The state's first-ever release of data listing acts of violence in Long Island schools should be seen for what it is: a benchmark against which future trends can be measured.

What it's not — or at least not yet — is a reliable yardstick for comparing the safety of various schools. Different schools have different standards of discipline and different ideas of what to report to the state. MacArthur High School's relatively high rate of student misbehavior may well stem from the Levittown district's "zero tolerance" policy against fighting, not from a difficult student body.

Still, it is important, given the massacre last week at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., to be aware that violent incidents occurred in all the Island's 112 public high schools during the year that ended last June.

There were 2,439 reported cases of assault, 284 incidents of weapons possession and 37 major crimes such as robbery and arson.

Police do not consider school crime a major problem here, and the Island compares well to

the rest of the state. So look at the new school crime list as a marking point that will allow you to follow your school's future trends. After Littleton, school officials, police and parents can no longer shrug off school crime.

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Hil to Head Queens School for a Day

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is tentatively set to be principal for a day at a Queens middle school Thursday — stepping up her visibility in New York as she weighs a run for the U.S. Senate.

Clinton would be one of 1,080 ceremonial principals who will spend the day meeting with students under the annual program sponsored by PENCIL Inc. — Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning.

Clinton and other participants are to meet in the late afternoon for a town hall meeting to discuss public education, organizers said.

At the gathering, she might encounter Mayor Giuliani, who also is considering seeking the seat of retiring Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.).

Giuliani was invited to the town hall meeting, but has not signaled whether he will attend, said PENCIL spokeswoman Kathie Berlin, a friend of Clinton's.

The principal-for-a-day visit would let Clinton spotlight public education amid Giuliani's attacks on the Board of Education over his demand for taxpayer-funded vouchers for private-school students.

Clinton, who spent three days in New York last week, is set to speak Thursday night at a State Democratic Committee dinner in Manhattan. Officials have yet to select the school she might visit.

Joel Siegel

Clinton to Head Queens School for a Day

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Crew's Fighting Words

Poison-pen letter rips mayor's voucher plan

By **MICHAEL R. BLOOD** and **JOANNE WASSERMAN**
Daily News Staff Writers

Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew escalated his battle with Mayor Giuliani to new heights yesterday, issuing an extraordinary letter that took the mayor to task for "reckless" and "destructive" remarks about the school system.

The letter, faxed and mailed to 600 politicians, education leaders, advocates and others, exhorted them and "all the citizens of this great city" to fight Giuliani's \$12 million voucher plan, which Crew called an "insult" and "an attempt to dismantle" the public schools.

"When the mayor declares that the whole system should be blown up," Crew wrote, referring to Giuliani's comments last week, "he tells 1.1 million children and thousands of parents, teachers and administrators that they are wasting their time in schools that he has suddenly dismissed as no good and beyond redemption."

"I believe the mayor when he says that such rhetoric is not aimed at me personally," Crew said. "It is hard to tell these thousands of people not to take it personally when the mayor is implying that their achievements have amounted to nothing."



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The letter, marking Crew's most forceful criticism of Giuliani to date, reflects the chancellor's new strategy of openly battling the mayor's proposals to give publicly funded vouchers to parents for private school and to dismantle the Board of Education.

Earlier yesterday, Crew abruptly canceled his regularly scheduled Monday meeting with Giuliani, saying he was

speaking at a superintendents' conference in Roanoke, Va. Efforts to reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

Responding to the letter, Deputy Mayor Ninfa Segarra, one of Giuliani's two Board of Education appointees, said it was "unfortunate [Crew] chose to enter such language into the debate.

"I don't think he puts us in a constructive position to have a debate over the issues," she said.

When asked earlier in the day whether the mayor still had full confidence in Crew, Giuliani spokeswoman Cristyne Lategano told a reporter, "Ummm, let me call you back."

Crew has threatened to resign over Giuliani's voucher and Board of Education plans. Sources close to Crew said yesterday that he was "not a quitter" and would not resign.

But, they said, Crew felt compelled to "engage in a verbal war" with Giuliani in the wake of statements by the mayor.

A turning point came April 19, when Giuliani presented his voucher proposal to Crew in front of aides to both men. According to one source, Giuliani's tone at the City Hall meeting was, "This is what I'm doing, take it or leave it."

"That's what did it," said the source. A few days later, during his budget speech, the mayor said the school system should be "blown up" because it is "dysfunctional."

At that point, Crew told aides he believed Giuliani had severed their once-close relationship.

The two are at loggerheads over Giuliani's proposal to use public money to take about 3,000 students out of city classrooms and send them to private or parochial schools.

Parents would get a voucher to help pay tuition.

While Giuliani says the competition would force lackluster public schools to improve, Crew fears a voucher program would strip public dollars from needy schools.

Their relationship also has been strained by clashes on the future of the educational system in New York.

The mayor and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone are working on legislation to abolish the seven-member Board of Ed and replace it with a system giving the mayor and Council more control.

Such a plan would face an uphill battle for approval by the state Legislature.

In his letter, Crew warned the school system would fail "under the control of any one mayor or any one political party."

One board member, Irving Harner of Manhattan, said the school system had benefited from the friendship between Giuliani and Crew, and worried it would fall victim to the tarnished relationship.

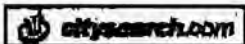
The disagreement "cuts off a successful pattern of support, and there is a lot more to be done," he said.

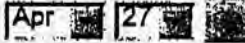
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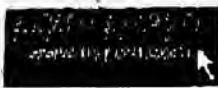
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PATAKI, SCHUMER BILLS TARGET GUNS

By GREGG BIRNBAUM and ADAM MILLER

New York lawmakers took aim at gun and school violence yesterday, with Gov. Pataki seeking to make schools safer, and Sen. Chuck Schumer going after Internet gun sales.

Pataki unveiled a broad plan that would stiffen the penalty for having a gun in school, give teachers more disciplinary muscle, and beef up security on school grounds.

"Tragedies like last week's sadistic attacks in Littleton must renew our determination to protect our children, to help them grow up healthy and safe," Pataki said.

Pataki's legislation would:

- *Require all schools to adopt a code of conduct and dress code.

- *Allow teachers to remove unruly students from the classroom for 10 days.

- *Create a state reporting system to track violent incidents at schools.

- *Toughen penalties for possessing, using or selling a gun on school grounds and for assaulting a teacher.

Many of the proposals have been introduced before, winning passage in the Republican-controlled state Senate, only to be killed in the Democratic-led Assembly. The Senate tomorrow will again approve Pataki's plan, officials said.

One of Pataki's new initiatives would permit retired cops to work in schools as security guards without losing their pension benefits.

Another would give whistle-blower protections to school officials who report violent incidents or identify dangerous students.

The Assembly last month OK'd a package of bills dealing with school violence, but Pataki blasted it as "weak."

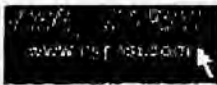
A task force will continue to study school violence and come up with additional recommendations.

Schumer called yesterday for passage of a federal bill that would crack down on the sale of guns over the Internet.

"It's as easy as child's play to buy a gun on the Internet," Schumer said.

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ANGRY CREW BLASTS GIULIANI FOR 'RHETORIC OF DESTRUCTION'

By DAVID SEIFMAN

The school wars heated up yesterday, with Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew firing off a letter to opinion-makers, blasting Mayor Giuliani's "rhetoric of destruction."

"Now is the time to end destructive rhetoric and stand behind the finest public-school system in the United States," Crew wrote.

"The mayor's unfortunate remarks of last week about New York City's public schools obscure the many recent achievements of our school system and deny the system's ... place of honor as the Gateway to America."

Crew was responding to Giuliani's statements last week that the Board of Education should be abolished and the school system "blown up."

Crew said that the mayor's comments tells "1.1 million children and thousands of parents, teachers and administrators that they are wasting their time in schools that he has suddenly dismissed as no good and beyond redemption."

"His language silences and discourages the reforms and achievements that thousands in our school community have fought to attain."

Deputy Mayor Ninf Segarra fired back by calling Crew's language "unfortunate" and by saying that the proposal to overhaul the board "is an effort that's 8 to 9 years old."

"The mayor has shown, and no one should question, his commitment to the kids of this city," she said.

The escalating war of the Rudys - the latest

round in a running feud - erupted last Thursday, when Giuliani used his budget speech to blast the school system.

Two days later, reports surfaced that Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone had agreed to push legislation that would abolish the school board and replace it with a system under the control of the mayor and council.

The mayor's remarks and the plot to scrap the board angered Crew because he was caught by surprise.

In his letter, the chancellor said that he has made progress pushing changes in the schools and that "serious educational reform efforts such as ours show dramatic results after five to 10 years, but not overnight."

Crew also took a shot at Giuliani's longstanding support for school vouchers, another issue that has driven the two Rudys apart.

"We will not succeed ... by sending a handful of children to parochial and other private schools with vouchers," the letter said.

The schools war also exploded on a second front - threatening the innovative charter schools that are supposed to open this fall.

Jim Hanley, the mayor's labor commissioner, said City Hall asked school officials to postpone contract talks on the experimental schools because it appeared the Board of Ed was ready to let charter teachers earn more than regular public schoolteachers without added productivity.

And that, warned Hanley, could provide ammunition for the United Federation of Teachers and other municipal unions to "whipsaw" the city into demanding higher wages elsewhere.

"I believe they [the teachers union] are trying to use the charter-school issue as a back-door approach to try to break pattern bargaining," said Hanley.

Deputy Schools Chancellor Harry Spence characterized City Hall's fears as "bizarre."

UFT President Randi Weingarten said she hoped to clinch a deal yesterday - before the negotiations were stopped.

She said it was unlikely charter schools would have enough funds for higher-than-contract salaries.

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Voucher ABCs

How would vouchers work?

Parents of public-school students would receive a voucher to help pay tuition at a private or parochial school of their choice.

How much money would each student get?

Some voucher programs around the country have offered parents as much as \$5,000 annually. Other programs are much more limited, contributing \$500 or \$1,000.

Where would the funding come from?

Under most voucher programs, the money is deducted from the budget of the public school the student would have attended. However, that may not be the case for the city.

Who qualifies? Are there tests or income requirements?

Most programs are open to all children, regardless of test scores. Some plans have income caps.

Who supports them, and why?

Catholic school parents and conservatives generally back vouchers as a way of giving parents education options. A vocal minority of black leaders has backed them in an effort to give families an alternative to failing public schools.

Who opposes them, and why?

Teachers groups and public-school advocates say vouchers amount to public support for private and parochial schools. Although some students may benefit, public schools serving the vast majority of students will suffer, opponents say.

How do charter schools and the voucher program differ?

Charter schools are publicly funded schools that operate free of the normal Board of Education bureaucracy.

If the plan is approved, who will get vouchers first?

That hasn't been announced. The Giuliani plan would allocate \$12 million for a pilot program in one of the city's 32 community school districts. The mayor said last night only

the poorest 20% of families would be eligible for the program, which would be voluntary.

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Crew Steering Charter Pilot Plan

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Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew will seek to convert two public high schools to charter schools and grant "charter-like" privileges to two Brooklyn districts as early as next fall, a Board of Education source said yesterday.

Crew plans to ask for a charter from the state Board of Regents for the International High School for immigrants in Long Island City, Queens, and El Puente Academy in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, which focuses on human rights, the source said.

A charter also is being discussed for the School for the Deaf in Manhattan, the source said.

Neither Crew's office nor the teachers union would comment on the proposals.

But Crew's spokeswoman, Chiara Coletti, said, "We are on the brink of announcing a very exciting charter initiative."

Charter schools are experimental schools formed in collaboration with parents, educators and the community.

The legislation allowing them, passed by the state Legislature in December, permits public schools to be converted to charters.

Under Crew's pilot plan, District 22 in Flatbush and District 13 in downtown Brooklyn would be classified as demonstration districts with more independence.

"They would have the ability to do all their purchasing on their own, such as books, supplies, possibly food and

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transportation services," said the source. "They can have a longer day and a longer year."

The source said the districts were chosen because they have strong leaders and stable local boards.

The source said Crew plans to announce the initiative Monday.

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Schools

Big Push on Regents Exam New English test poses challenge

By ALISON GENDAR
Daily News Staff Writer

A month ago Cesar Chavac, a junior at Long Island City High School, was hard-pressed to name a major theme in the play his class had been reading for the last six weeks.

Last year, he wouldn't have cared.

But Cesar knows that if he wants a high school diploma, he'll have to pass the new six-hour English Regents exam that will be given for the first time in June.

So Cesar, his class and their English teacher Mary Ann Franklin are slogging it out. Writing and rewriting practice essays, going over literary devices, covering the plot, character, symbolism, imagery again and again.

"You got to do it to graduate," Cesar said, "so I'm doing it, or at least trying."

Four weeks ago, Cesar struggled to name a major theme of "The Glass Menagerie." Last week, he rattled off several and gave an example of how Tennessee Williams used symbolism to get his point across.

"It is coming together," Franklin said after she prompted her class to write down some of the examples Cesar mentioned.

"Ninety per cent of the students I have don't study at home, don't turn in homework, so whatever knowledge they are getting has to come from class," she said. "They know they have to do this. The change is that they are beginning to think that they can do it."

Across the city, 11th-graders like those in Franklin's class are feverishly prepping for the new state exam.

The stakes are high. If this year's 11th-graders don't pass the

Regents English exam with at least a 55 this year or next, they won't get a diploma, all part of the state's push to raise standards.

Everyone has to take it: kids who aren't fluent in English, kids who are in special education, kids who have gotten halfway through high school without turning in any homework.

"It is a huge leap for a lot of kids," said Long Island City Principal William Bassell. "We just tell them — you have to do it."

The high school, like others across the city, cut the number of students in its English classes to 20 and gave students a double dose, with 80-minute sessions to help them.

The kinds of questions students are likely to find on the new Regents exam are: "Write a critical essay in which you discuss two works of literature from the perspective that 'The best literature is about the old universal truths, such as love, honor, pride, compassion and sacrifice.' "

To get students prepared, New York City had 11th-graders — non-English speakers and special education students included — take the old, three-hour version of the English Regents exam in January.

Eighty per cent of the 8,537 juniors in Queens who took the January Regents exam passed with a 55 or better, according to preliminary results from the Board of Education.

Those who didn't pass, like the students in Franklin's class, have to take the new six-hour version of exam in June.

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From Harold Ickes 

Re Percy E. Sutton - phone call
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 Pierre "Pepe" Sutton
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I suggest that you call Percy E. Sutton just to check in and ask his advice. He is the "dean" of Black political NY. Born in Texas, he came to NYC (specifically Harlem) when he was in his early teens, as I recall. He is in his 80s, long retired from active politics. He controls WLIB (AM), a talk radio station, and WBLS (FM), a music station, in NYC, both quite popular among Blacks. (His son Pierre "Pepe," now runs the station on a day to day basis.) He responsible for trying to revive the famous Apollo Theater on 125th Street, although the Apollo Foundation is currently under investigation by the State Attorney General.

He served for several terms as the Borough President of Manhattan, before the last NYC charter reform abolished the very powerful Board of Estimate, that the 5 Borough Presidents served on along with the mayor, comptroller and president of the city council.

He ran for mayor in but lost the primary to Beame. That was a very bitter experience for him, because he thought he could count on the Jewish vote (he has been an early and consistent supporter of causes Jewish -- including Israel when it was not very popular in

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the Black community generally) and, therefore, rightfully thought he had earned the support of Jewish voters.

Although he is no longer politically active, the word will get out that you called him, which will be helpful.

Pierre "Pepe" Sutton. 212-592-0404
212-281-1754

Son of Percy. Runs the 2 radio stations described above. Both stations are influential among Blacks. If they are not for you, they can be extremely negative. Bill Lynch suggests you call him in addition to his father, Percy because Percy would want you to call him, but would not ask you to do so.

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Molinari-Rudy Team Tags Pataki

By Robert Polner

STAFF WRITER

As Mayor Rudolph Giuliani stood listening, one of his closest allies ripped the office of Gov. George Pataki for "an orchestrated effort" to undercut the mayor's hopes for the 2000 U.S. Senate race.

"Why we would not be working together, and why the governor's people would be out there working to scuttle the candidacy of Rudy Giuliani, is troubling to me," said Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari.

In what seemed like a good-cop / bad-cop routine, Giuliani turned over his portable lectern to Molinari when asked about a published report involving the governor's office. The report, in *The New York Post*, said that Pataki aide Thomas Doherty has been telling GOP leaders to steer clear of supporting Giuliani.

Giuliani asked Molinari if he'd like to comment, and his fellow Republican piped up, "I'd love to." But before handing over the microphone, Giuliani interjected that he had not heard of any such machinations against him.

Molinari then contended that the governor's aides continue to work against the mayor's possible candidacy, even though the borough president said that



Guy Molinari



Rudolph Giuliani

about five weeks ago he personally emphasized to the governor the importance of rallying behind Giuliani.

Pataki's office did not respond to Molinari's assertions at P.S. 80 on Staten Island, where Giuliani held a news conference after a visit to the school.

Pataki spokesman Michael McKeon said only that Doherty's comments to some extent reflected the aide's own views.

Molinari, however, had this advice: "If this is really what they want to do, then really have the courage to step forth and say this is what they're doing — not do it backdoor-like."

Behind the skirmish is Giuliani's desire to avoid what some political observers predict could be a costly primary race against Rep. Rick Lazio of Brightwaters, who also is strongly considering a run.

Both men say they have raised more than \$2 million toward the chance to square off with the Democrat who runs to fill the seat of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

On some issues, such as abortion, Lazio has staked out a more conservative position than Giuliani. In an evident swipe at the mayor, Lazio told the Capitol Hill weekly "Roll Call" on Wednesday that he thinks voters are "absolutely hungry" for a "positive, inclusive" message and a leader who is "non-polarizing."

Pataki and Giuliani have not gotten on well since the mayor endorsed then-Gov. Mario Cuomo, a Democrat, in Cuomo's 1994 run against Pataki. It's a decision the mayor now says he regrets. In recent months, however, Giuliani and the governor have been feuding on and off.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Hofstra University yesterday in Hempstead, N.Y., where she was honored for her work in health care. With her, front row, from left, were Harold Ickes, Basil A. Paterson and William J. Cunningham 3d, all from the law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, an award sponsor. Behind her was Anthony L. Watson of the Health Insurance Plan of New York.

Hillary Clinton Checks Out Suburbs

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

Hillary Rodham Clinton made a campaign-style trip yesterday into the heart of the Long Island suburbs that would be crucial to winning a race for United States Senate, then came back into Manhattan for two more events to finish off a 13-hour day.

But in a total of six appearances before such Democratic constituencies as teachers, lawyers, women, Jews, members of minority groups and patrons of the arts, Mrs. Clinton made no teasing references to her potential Senate race, as she has in the past, and stayed within the bounds of First Lady.

Still, this First Lady's business is sometimes hard to distinguish from a candidate's stump speech. In an address at Hofstra University in Hempstead, Mrs. Clinton first mentioned her failure on pushing Congress to enact sweeping national health care reform — "Clearly that approach did not work, and we're not going to try that again, rest assured" — then described herself as a new incrementalist.

"I come from the school of smaller steps now," she said, adding that 3.1 million New Yorkers have no health insurance and that 1,500 children in New York may lose their insurance as they get older.

One notable moment of the day came at a lunch for the Long Island Women's Agenda at the Crest

Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, where Mrs. Clinton sat on the dais next to Libby Pataki, the wife of Gov. George E. Pataki. The Republican Governor has a quarrelsome relationship with Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, a potential opponent of Mrs. Clinton in a Senate race. The two women chatted cheerfully and praised each other in their speeches; Mrs. Pataki called herself "the warm-up act" for Mrs. Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton started her day at the Village Elementary School in Syosset, where she spoke about the need for more teachers and after-school programs. "She did not seem to be playing to a broader audience," said Jeffrey Rozran, the president of the Syosset Teachers' Association. "She was playing to this audience, and I'm grateful for that."

In the afternoon at the New York University School of Law, Mrs. Clinton presented awards to Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and Dr. Alexander Boraine, a professor in the school's global law program. In one of the only public references yesterday to her possible campaign, Dr. Boraine told the First Lady to cheers from the law students that "who knows, we may see more of you in New York."

In the evening, Mrs. Clinton attended fund-raisers for the United Jewish Appeal and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

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First let me thank both you and Harold for helping to arrange for the speech last night. In spite of the tragedy that was on everyone's mind she was really terrific. As only a Clinton can do she wove together concern for the families in Colorado, the Bronfmans achievements, peace in the Middle East, and individual responsibility. It all worked she used the right language from the letter to Michael Miller and the audience gave warm applause. The buzz afterwards and today is all very positive. As expected everyone wants to know when she will announce that she is running. I am sure you also heard that there were pickets outside the hotel. Which just underscores why we need to work on releasing her letter to the Jewish press at the very least but my advice would be to the national press as well. Let me know if there is anything else I can do. Keep in touch. Karen

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Prelude to an Election: Sharpton's Diallo March Builds Anti-Rudy Troop

Harry Belafonte Hopes to Call It a Day-O for Mayor;
Media-Savvy Rev. Al Wins Over Some Old Enemies—
Is He Softening Rudy for Nita's Knockout Punch?

BY DEVIN LEONARD AND GREG SARAGENT

As she ruminates about whether to jump into a bruising Senate race, Hillary Rodham Clinton has thrilled dozens of the state's Democrats by phoning them up for advice. Yet despite her infamous attention to detail—How many Jordanians in Yonkers? What are the state's top crops?—she has yet to touch base with the one New York figure who has inflicted more damage than anyone else on her likely opponent, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"No, I was not called," the Rev. Al Sharpton admitted to *The Observer*.



AL SHARPTON

That's gratitude for you. On the surface, Mr. Sharpton's two-month-long campaign in the aftermath of the police killing of Amedeu Diallo has seemed like a spontaneous, nostalgia-driven outburst of civic outrage reminiscent of the civil rights movement in the 1960's. But it also is a carefully orchestrated effort to break Mr. Giuliani, driven by an elite cadre of top Democrats—many of whom are actively promoting Mrs. Clinton's possible candidacy.

Indeed, mayoral allies have already begun to spread rumors that its puppetmaster was none other than Mrs. Clinton's chief adviser, Harold Ickes. It's only a matter of time until Mr. Giuliani goes on *The Today Show* to complain to Matt Lauer of a "vast left-wing conspiracy."

Of all people, Mr. Sharpton has helped accomplish a long-elusive goal: the resurrection of the left-liberal coalition that ruled the city for decades until it was left for dead after Mr. Giuliani's rise to power in 1993. Ruth Messinger failed to do just that in her disastrous 1997 mayoral bid. And Mr. Schumer's 1998 victory over Senator Alfonse D'Amato owed more to costly advertising than to old-fashioned Democratic coalition building.

But throwback Democratic politics were back in force on April 15, when Mr. Sharpton, in his newest incarnation as sober spiritual leader, kicked off a protest march across the Brooklyn Bridge with an exhortation of nonviolence worthy of Gandhi. There, striding across the East River, were a newly energized cadre of high-level Democrats—many of whom are salivating over Mrs. Clinton's prospective candidacy.

State Comptroller H. Carl McCall, former Mayor David Dinkins, Local 1199 hospital workers union president Dennis Rivera and Democratic National Committee vice president Bill Lynch, who orchestrated the entire rally.

What's more, the day had been bankrolled by a dozen top Democrats—including Representative Charles Rangel and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer—who dipped into their political war chests especially for the event. It had been organized by party operatives who had toiled for weeks behind the scenes—including some who had worked on in the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1996, and others who worked in the City Council operations department.

In other words, Council Speaker Peter Vallone, a potential mayoral candidate, was

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BY CHRISTOPHER BYRON

Can you build an \$11 billion business out of selling ice cream cones before they melt or fruits and veggies before they rot? That's the essential proposition behind one of the more unusual—and on Wall Street, at least, instantly popular—stock of-

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quietly lending his troops to the effort—despite his public display of cautious contrition.

The theme of the march was police reform; among the marchers were bereaved mothers carrying pictures of their sons slain by police officers. But there was no escaping it: The march, as well as the weeks of events leading up to it, was the first serious effort to even the score with Mr. Giuliani.

"There is little doubt that this is a well-organized, well-thought-out and well-planned effort that looks just like a political campaign to me," said political consultant Hank Shelkopf. "And I'm a pretty good judge of that."

As for rumors that Mr. Ickes is the secret puppetmaster of the protest, Mr. Lynch, a close friend of Mr. Ickes and a draft-Hillary cheerleader, denied them.

"I talked to Harold Ickes once in the last three weeks," Mr. Lynch told *The Observer*. "If we were trying to put something together, I'd be talking to him three or four times a day."

"I haven't talked to Harold Ickes in two years," added Mr. Sharpton. Mr. Ickes did not return a call for comment.

Not that Mr. Sharpton isn't more than happy to talk about the favor he has done for Mayor Clinton if she challenges Mr. Giuliani.

"Well, you know, I like boxing a lot," he told *The Observer*. "Whoever the candidate is—Hillary Clinton or [Representative] Nita Lowey—we can definitely say if they knock him out, we were the ones who did the body punches. They've got a weaker opponent because of the movement."

Mr. Sharpton has a weakness for metaphors evoking the fight game. But this time, he may be on to something. By drawing attention to the underside of Mr. Giuliani's war on crime, he has given the long-suffering Democratic Party a means of exacting vengeance on its Republican nemesis.

Mr. Giuliani was very much on the minds of Messrs. Sharpton, Lynch and Rivera as they made preparations for the April 15 rally. Several days before the event, the three men, accompanied by media ringmaster and former Dinkins aide, Ken Sunshine, made a pilgrimage to the Upper West Side home of Harry Belafonte. The raspy-voiced calypso singer and civil rights legend gave a starry-eyed Mr. Sharpton a pep talk about keeping it real as he took him on a tour of his apartment, showing off his favorite movement memorabilia, such as original letters written by Martin Luther King Jr. and a personal note written to Mr. Belafonte by Eleanor Roosevelt. As they dined on take-out Chinese-Cuban food (this is supposed to be a multicultural effort, after all), the talk turned to Mr. Giuliani.

"We talked about getting rid of him as Mayor, and making sure that he does not become the representative of this state as U.S. Senator," Mr. Belafonte recalled. He

added: "I believe genuinely that the energy unleashed by this can be channeled into challenging Giuliani. ... If we don't want him as Mayor, we damn sure don't want him as a Senator." Mr. Belafonte joined them at the April 15 march.

"I would say it was one of the high points of my life," Mr. Sharpton later gushed. "He is like the penultimate cultural hero of [the civil rights] movement."

The visit was one of many red carpets unraveled for Mr. Sharpton, who has a host of new friends now that bashing of the lame duck Mr. Giuliani has caught on among once-fearful Democrats.

Even the White House seemed to offer him its tacit approval. In early March, just



Hillary Rodham Clinton: She owes the Rev. Al Sharpton a call.

days after Mr. Sharpton spoke out against police brutality at a press conference held by the National Urban League in Washington, D.C., President Clinton discussed police misconduct in one of his Saturday radio addresses. He told Hugh Price, the League's president, he was responding to a League spokesman. So when is Hillary going to pick up the phone and grace the Reverend with a personal call?

Mr. Sharpton's outmaneuvering of Mr. Giuliani started just hours after the Feb. 4 shooting. Shortly after Diallo, a 22-year-old Manhattan street peddler, was fired at 41 times by city cops in the vestibule of his Bronx home, Mr. Giuliani called Diallo's father overseas and offered his sympathies and services. Mr. Sharpton, however, won over the victim's charismatic mother. The result? He ended up with the entire Diallo family under his wing.

His next steps, though, were less than sure. On March 3, he and 10 other activists were arrested for blocking traffic at Wall Street and Broadway to spur the arrest of

Diallo's alleged killers. "We've come to upset and disrupt the business district of New York City," he told a gathering of supporters outside the New York Stock Exchange.

The symbolism was confusing. Mr. Sharpton now readily concedes. There was a debate over their next move. Everybody agreed there should be daily protests. But where? "Some people said Gracie Mansion or City Hall, and I said that would look political," Mr. Sharpton recalled. "I thought 1 Police Plaza, because that was the symbol of what we were talking about: police abuse. One of the things I think is effective activism is, keep it simple."

On March 9, Mr. Sharpton led a group of 12 people to 1 Police Plaza, where they were

arrested for blocking the entrance. Similar sit-ins followed that week end, just as Mr. Sharpton had hoped. Mr. Giuliani reacted angrily, berating the protesters and assailing the moral legitimacy of their activities. That stiffened the resolve of Mr. Giuliani's enemies.

Mr. Rangel, for one, went nuts when he saw the Mayor on New York 1 ripping into several women who had been arrested, including a Harlem AIDS activist and a church official. "I just thought, 'What will it take to get him to take that scowl off his face, to remove that mean smile that he has,'" Mr. Rangel told *The Observer*.

Mr. Rangel called Mr. Sharpton and said he would get arrested at 1 Police Plaza

the following Monday. Over that weekend, he heard from former Mayor David Dinkins.

Mr. Sharpton was so inundated with black leaders—including Kweisi Mfume, president of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—clamoring to be handcuffed that he had to draw up a schedule.

"I said to Kweisi Mfume: 'I'm gonna need you to come in. I've got Charlie going to jail Monday. I want you to come in,'" Mr. Sharpton said. "He said, 'I'll come in with Charlie,' and I said, 'No, I need you about Thursday,' 'cause I was pacing it."

On March 15, Mr. Dinkins and Mr. Rangel were arrested. The following day, a picture of the two handcuffed politicians was splashed above the front-page fold of *The Times* invoking images of the civil rights movement, just as Mr. Sharpton had intended. Enter former Mayor Ed Koch—no stranger to the art of winning attention by whacking Mr. Giuliani—who promptly joined the outrage parade.

When I saw Mayor Dinkins in hand-

cuffs and Charlie Rangel in handcuffs," he said, "I thought to myself, 'This is a fucking outrage!'"

Mr. Koch's announcement signaled that the demonstrations were safe for whites and Jews who might have steered clear of Mr. Sharpton in the past. What followed was a veritable anti-Giuliani carnival. Sharpton ally Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, convinced actress Susan Sarandon to lend her telegraphic presence to one of the massive demonstrations. *Angels in America* author Tony Kushner made the scene with a group called Jews for Racial and Economic Justice.

"In every photo and every event, there would be some sense of a rainbow," said Mr. Sunshine. "If we had to drag someone in at the last minute to complete the photo, then we would do it."

In the waning days of the protests, Mr. Rivera of Local 1199 showed up to be taken into custody. While waiting to be handcuffed, he and Mr. Sharpton hit on the idea for a larger demonstration to highlight the need for sweeping reform within the Police Department. In meetings around the conference table of Essence Communications above Times Square, Mr. Sharpton plotted the rally with Messrs. Rivera, Lynch, Dinkins and Sunshine. Ed Lewis, chairman of Essence Communications, raised \$100,000 for advertising. New York's liberal neighborhoods were saturated with mailings for the march.

By April 15, what had begun as an Al Sharpton sideshow had evolved into a must-attend event for just about every ambitious Democrat in town. Mr. Lynch had a busy morning, his phone ringing nonstop with queries from top Democrats like Mr. Rivera and anxious young operatives. Later, heading to the march, as his black car wove through traffic around City Hall en route to the Brooklyn Bridge, he fielded a call on his cell phone from Roberto Ramirez, the Bronx Democratic boss. Mr. Ramirez wanted to know how things were going.

"My only concern is that we look organized," Mr. Lynch answered. "One of the things right now that would give Rudy a win is if this thing looks raggedy."

Mr. Giuliani tried to give that impression by noting the rally's disappointing turnout. Liberal Party boss Ray Harding, a key mayoral adviser, joked that the organizers would have benefited from a hidden White House hand. "If Ickes were involved, then I would say the demonstrations would have been a lot more successful in terms of number."

Mr. Sharpton insisted Mr. Giuliani hasn't seen anything yet. Just wait, vowed Mr. Sharpton, until the trial of the police officers who allegedly manhandled Abner Louima.

"When Abner gets on that stand, it's going to be front and center all over the world," he said. "Rudy can burn candles or do whatever he wants to do. Police brutality is not going anywhere."

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SHARPTON MARCHES, NOBODY SHOWS

What if Al Sharpton organized a march ... and nobody showed up?

That is essentially what happened on April 15, when Mr. Sharpton's much publicized march across the Brooklyn Bridge and into lower Manhattan, held to protest the tragic police killing of Amadou Diallo, failed to draw more than 4,500 people. The low turnout was startling: Not only had the weather cooperated—it was a beautiful spring day—but the march had been publicized through radio and television ads, phone banks, posters in subway stations and postcards mailed to thousands of New Yorkers. The cost of the campaign was a hefty \$300,000. The Rev. Jesse Jackson even came to town to whip up support. One can draw two conclusions from the tepid response. First, despite the media's recent anointment of Mr. Sharpton as a "matured" version of his former wily self, the fact is that Al Sharpton has peaked out when it comes to mobilizing public support. The numbers just weren't there.

The second reason the rally fizzled is because most New Yorkers, while they feel distressed about the killing of Mr. Amadou, could smell the political taint behind the march. They recognized that the major players were disaffected liberals who have never forgiven Rudolph Giuliani for beating David Dinkins.

Yes, Rudolph Giuliani has shown some bad judgment, and his police commissioner, Howard Safir, has become an embarrassment. But the battle lines of the march were drawn long before the Diallo killing. The organizers included two huge unions—hospital workers Local 1199 and District Council 37's municipal workers—and among the marchers were many of the Mayor's political adversaries, such as Public Advocate Mark Green and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer. And if the march had a malicious flavor—some signs depicted a swastika over the New York Police Department logo—David Dinkins had already helped set the tone with his own bizarre rhetoric. The previous day, *The New York Times* printed an interview with Mr. Dinkins in which the former Mayor, asked about the city's huge crime drop under his successor, replied, "[T]here was no crime in Nazi Germany. I'm not comparing him to Hitler or Mussolini ..." But, of course, he was. Mr. Dinkins was a prominent figure in the march, intoning "We have worked too hard too long, moving from the back of the bus, to now put our children in the back of an ambulance." A worthy sentiment, but surely Mr. Dinkins is aware that under his mayoralty, ambulances—and hearses—carried away thousands more victims of crime than they have under Mr. Giuliani's watch.

Yes, some changes are needed in the Police Department. But progress requires political savvy and a willingness to come up with sound ideas, not ideology. Messrs. Sharpton, Dinkins, Green et al. underestimated the intelligence of those who might otherwise leave work on a sunny day to march for true reform, but not for a nostalgic tribute to an era of high crime and low morale.

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Safir takes on pols to defend crime unit

By WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM and JOHN MARZULLI

Daily News Staff Writers

Police Commissioner Howard Safir yesterday defended the NYPD street crime unit, denying that officers target minorities while acknowledging that only 10 cops on the 362-member squad are black.

During a sometimes raucous three-hour grilling before the City Council, Safir for the first time released detailed information about the unit whose cops shot and killed Amadou Diallo on Feb. 4.

He revealed that blacks comprise 3% of the street crime unit — and that their proportion has dropped since 1995, when the unit was one-third its current size. Then, blacks made up 6.7% of the ranks.

There are 54 Hispanic cops in the squad, or 13.8%.

Flanked by two dozen members of his high command, the commissioner read an 18-page statement covering the unit's recruiting, training and mission and repeated plans to add 50 minority cops and increase supervision.

"I believe that many of the loudest voices that we are hearing are using a tragic incident as a vehicle to attempt to undermine a police officer's

JIM DWYER
What's important is that the statistics don't justify the frisks.
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ability to conduct lawful investigations of suspected criminal activity," Safir said.

He blamed the NYPD's former highest-ranking black chief, Chief of Patrol Wilbur Chapman, for not recruiting more minorities.

"I discussed it with [Chapman] and directed him to make his best efforts to increase the number of minorities," Safir said when asked why the number had dropped since 1995.

He also said blacks and Hispanics may have not sought spots in the unit because it did not lead to a coveted detective's shield until recently, when reforms were announced.

Since the Diallo shooting,

critics have charged the street crime unit unfairly targets minorities, stopping black and Hispanic men without just cause and frisking them.

Safir said an audit of thousands of stop-and-frisk forms from 25 precincts where the street crime unit was active in 1998 shows that the race of those stopped reflects the demographics of violent suspects reported by victims.

"The fact that the majority of people who are referred [to police] by the victims are people of color, certainly we have no control over that," Safir said. "We do not select our suspects, as they are identified not by us, but by the victims."

Tensions flared during one exchange between Safir and Councilwoman Ronnie Eldridge (D-Manhattan), when she challenged Safir to reduce crime without "threatening people's civil liberties."

Safir, his face becoming red, responded: "Was that, 'When did I stop beating my wife?'" — suggesting Eldridge had asked a loaded question.

A stunned Eldridge countered, "I resent your lack of respect and your outrageous comment."

Councilwoman Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) called his remark "undignified," adding: "Domestic violence isn't anything to joke about."

Also during the hearing, the minority police fraternal group 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care brought a hooded witness to the hearing and said she was "affiliated" with the street crime unit.

The witness did not answer questions directly, instead whispering her responses to a member of the group. At one point, she got the motto of the street crime unit — "We Own the Night" — wrong.

In her nodded responses, she claimed street crime unit cops violate the rights of New Yorkers and have to meet a quota of gun arrests.

Later yesterday, Chapman, now city transportation commissioner, responded to Safir's charge that minority recruiting lagged under his watch.

Chapman said his effort was hindered because the unit tended to use its own members to bring in recruits.

"If you start with an overwhelmingly white unit, that's what you end up with," he said.

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Hillary Cultivates Jewish Elite

First lady softens on Palestinian state, hobnobs with Bronfmans at UJA gala; Jerry Nadler hits paydirt.

In the strongest indication yet that she is seeking Jewish support for her Senate bid here, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton chose a premier organizational event to publicly embrace a more moderate stance on Palestinian statehood.

"[Leaders] must forsake any unilateral steps that would undermine the peace process," said Clinton at UJA-Federations' Keeper of the Flame banquet Tuesday night at the Waldorf. "If

peace is to be lasting it has to be negotiated. ... We must oppose any unilateral steps that prejudice the outcome."

That position had previously been stated in a private White House meeting with local rabbis in February. It does not contradict a con-

troversial declaration she made last year to Palestinian children that it is in the "long-term interests of the Middle East" for Palestinians to have their own state. Indeed, she called on Jewish leaders Tuesday to "stand behind" the out-

come of the negotiations, even if they do not like it. But it does identify her with a position taken by a majority of American Jews.

On a busy trip filled with quick appearances and speeches, Clinton spent nearly 90 minutes at the UJA event. Alongside Jewish Sen. Charles Schumer, she hobnobbed with New York's Jewish philanthropic elite, known as much for funding liberal Democratic candidates as for its charitable largesse. The dinner honored billionaire brothers Edgar and Charles Bronfman. In her speech, she conveyed warmth and familiarity with honchos such as Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, and real-estate mogul Lewis Rudin, who introduced her.

The dinner, and one the previous evening for the Jewish Child Care Association, a UJA-Federation beneficiary, were Clinton's



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Rep. Jerrold Nadler at a fund-raising dinner given on Nadler's behalf. The first lady's appearance reportedly raised some \$400,000.

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first appearances before New York Jewish audiences since she began encouraging speculation that she will run for a Senate seat here in 2000. Organizers of both dinners say she accepted the invitations prior to Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's announcement that he would not seek re-election, and she did not directly allude to a campaign at either event. The closest Clinton came to acknowledging a Senate bid was when Rudin offered his help finding her an apartment.

"Let's talk," she said.

But the intense public interest in her campaign, whether in support or opposition, was evident in the talk amid the clinking cocktail glasses at both events.

"She's so smart," gushed Peggy Tischman, a past president of UJA-Federation, prior to Clinton's JOCA speech. "Nobody can speak like this woman. Have you ever heard her give a 40-

minute speech without notes?"

A Marist College poll released Monday suggests that 57 percent of Jews would support Clinton in a race against Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who also has yet to declare his candidacy. Giuliani was supported by 37 percent of Jews polled. Those numbers are statistically unchanged from the last Marist poll in February.

Jews are the third largest supporters of a Clinton candidacy, after blacks (96 percent) and Latinos (71 percent). But in an interesting twist, a majority of Jews, 49 percent, said she should not run. Only 40 percent think she should.

"Some think this is not a good move for her, but they will support her if she makes it," said Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion.

Tischman questioned whether the first lady should find easier pursuits. "My only question is, can she afford it? It's a big sacrifice. She can have any job she wants."

Clinton continued to fuel speculation that she will run this week, by using the pronoun "we" in referring to New Yorkers, and by stressing her opposition to the private-school voucher program championed by Giuliani.

And as she basked in the spotlight, she had clearly succeeded in igniting passions for and against her candidacy. She had barely finished her address at the Jewish Child Care Association dinner Monday night when Suzanne Dreifuss rose from her table and rushed to the velvet ropes, hoping to shake the first lady's hand.

"She's articulate and extremely dedicated to children, so I feel very passionate about her," said Dreifuss, a Manhattan second-grade teacher, after getting her wish.

But while a small crowd at the Cipriani Wall Street gathering wished the speaker well, Howard Rubin stayed in his seat. "Why should we support someone who has no connection to New York, and the only thing on her foreign affairs agenda is support of a Palestinian state, which I think is a threat to Is-

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Searching for answers

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Amid the horror of school killings, heroes rose up

Out of the carnage at Columbine High, there emerged heroes — and wrenching heartbreak.

By DAVID VON DREHLE
and DANIEL LADUC

Washington Post

LITTLETON, Colo. — There were killers in the halls of Columbine High School yesterday. But there were also students such as Aaron Hancey, and teachers such as Dave Sanders.

When the explosions roared and bullets began flying, panicked students saw Sanders, the much-loved coach of the girls' basketball team, standing bravely in a smoke-filled hallway, urgently directing them toward an escape route. Suddenly he was reeling, shot twice, through and through, with wounds in each shoulder.

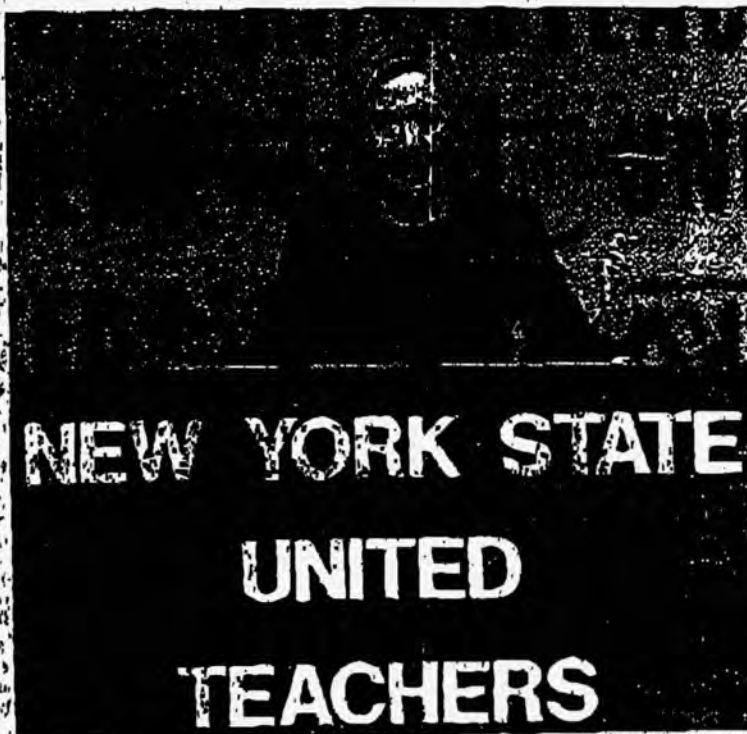
He staggered through the door of a nearby classroom, where terrified students saw him begin to cough blood. Panic: Did anyone know first aid?

A teacher rushed to the next room, where he found Hancey, 17, a junior with Boy Scout training in first aid. Swallowing his fear, Hancey followed the teacher, Kent Friesen, out of the relative safety of the room and into the awful corridor. The air was noxious, the floor was littered with shells and debris.

He found Sanders in a red pool on the white linoleum floor. Hancey peeled off his white Adidas T-shirt and urged the other boys in the room to do the same. Some of the clothes were made into a pillow. Other shirts were pressed into Sanders' wounds. The boy checked the man's airway.

There was a phone in the room, and Hancey called his father, who used a second line to call paramedics. The elder Hancey relayed questions and advice. For the next three hours, Hancey led a chil-

"We can no longer argue that constant exposure to violence on television, in the movies, in video games and in music does not have an effect," Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaking in Niagara Falls



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'Fight culture of violence'

By ROBERT J. MCCARTHY
New Political Reporter

NIAGARA FALLS — Casting aside for the moment her possible political aspirations, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told the state's teachers meeting here Thursday that there is "much good in American children despite this week's tragic events in Colorado, and challenged them to join with governments to enact safeguards against the kind of violence claiming dozens of young lives over the past two years.

"All you have to do is look at the people of Littleton to remind ourselves how fundamentally good our country is," she said, referring to the blood donors, clergy and volunteer counselors lining up to help a devastated community cope with the loss of students and teachers.

"We can see even now that in the face of this terrible tragedy, people are not helpless or hopeless," she said.

Mrs. Clinton, addressing the state convention of the New York State United

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MASSACRE IN COLORADO

Mrs. Clinton: Program that will identify problem students, urged by first lady

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Teachers in the Niagara Falls Convention and Civic Center, said a "culture of violence" that glorifies death, as well as easy access to guns and explosives all combined this week to spell tragedy in Littleton, where two "outcasts" murdered fellow students and teachers in a shooting spree.

She said Littleton has proven that no community is immune to such violence, and every aspect of society must now face up to the responsibility of doing everything possible to prevent future tragedies.

"I believe as I said in my book, that it takes a village to raise a child," she said, "because all of us should take responsibility for raising our own children. Nothing can overtake parental responsibility, but children are influenced by all that goes on around them."

Mrs. Clinton, followed to Niagara Falls by a horde of national reporters paying close attention to her interest in succeeding Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the U.S. Senate next year, made no references to that possibility in her 40-minute address.

Instead she called on teachers to join with her and President Clinton in providing the necessary resources for early-warning programs in schools to help identify problem students.

"Communities and school systems have to be more willing to provide support and resources for when the alarm bells go off in your heads you have somebody to turn to," she said. "I hope we can begin to focus on that."

Specifically, the first lady suggested there must be ways for students to make anonymous referrals so teachers can be aware of problems, and that as many resources devoted to physical health should be devoted to mental health.

"We can no longer argue that constant exposure to violence on television, in the movies, in video games and in music does not have an effect on the way children see themselves and others," Hillary Rodham Clinton, addressing teachers convention on the Columbine High tragedy

But she saved her strongest criticism for a culture fascinated with guns and the violence accompanying them, pointing out that too many mass killings in too many towns with names like Littleton and Springfield and Paducah prove that a problem exists.

"Why on earth do we permit any young person to have access to the kind of firearms these two young men brought into that school?" she said. "Some will argue against the need for sensible gun control, but we can see the results."

Since the enactment of the Brady bill during the Clinton administration, she said 250,000 "felons, fugitives and stalkers" have been denied handguns.

Mrs. Clinton captivated her audience when she talked about the underlying causes of teens using guns to kill other teens. And she challenged teachers and all Americans to begin asking some fundamental questions.

"We have to be willing to talk about the culture of violence affecting the lives of our children," she said. "We can no longer argue that constant exposure to violence on television, in the movies, in video games and in music does not have an effect on the way children see themselves and others."

"We have to do some serious

thinking in our country about how we can take more control over what our children see and experience," she added.

Mrs. Clinton was greeted by several anti-abortion pickets outside the convention facility.

She met briefly with state Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope, and was expected to meet with regional political leaders such as County Executive Gorski, Mayor Masiello, Rep. John LaFalce and the Democratic chairmen from both Erie and Niagara counties.

Ms. Hope, one of Mrs. Clinton's closest confidantes during this decision-making process, said she still believes there is a 90-50 chance that she will pursue a Senate candidacy.

"It's clear to me that she wants to do this, though that's not meant to say she will," Ms. Hope said. "She is driven by a deep commitment to public policy. She's a person who wants her life to make a difference. The question she's asking herself is if this is a valid way to do it."

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New York's guessing game: Will she? Will he?

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) _ New York's hottest guessing game, at least in political circles, is a two-parter. Will she? Will he?

The "she" in the equation is first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The "he" is New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The full question: Will she (or he) run for the U.S. Senate seat from New York being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan?

For Mrs. Clinton, the thought of a Senate race seemingly began as something of a lark _ a fun political parlor game that helped keep the pot bubbling while Republicans tried to throw her husband out of office over the Monica Lewinsky affair. Mrs. Clinton's flirtation turned serious this spring as she warmed to the idea of making her own mark by holding a Senate seat once occupied by the late Robert F. Kennedy.

Since then, the first lady's chief adviser, veteran New York political operative Harold Ickes, has been working overtime. Pollsters and others who might work on a Clinton-for-Senate campaign have been sounded out and the pace of her trips into New York picked up.

The yes-she-will-run camp got a boost Thursday when state Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope announced Mrs. Clinton had changed plans and would be coming to New York City to attend a state party fund-raising dinner after all. Earlier, one adviser to the first lady had said: "She goes to a Democratic dinner like that, she may as well announce." The dinner is Thursday.

Hope said she understands the speculation the first lady's appearance there will elicit. "People read things into it when she drinks her tea with her left hand instead of her right hand," the state party leader said.

While there are strong signs she will run, Mrs. Clinton has yet to make the final call. She must decide if she can win and if she is willing to go through the likely brutal battle that would entail. The pressure is mounting for her to decide.

"There are two possible answers, yes, or no. There's no good reason for prolonged indecision and endless overtures," Albany's Times Union editorialized Friday.

For Giuliani, the question of the Senate race has been serious ever since Moynihan announced in November he wouldn't run again. The Republican mayor is barred by a city law from seeking a third term in 2001. In other words, he has his eye out for a new job.

The options for Giuliani, if he wants to stay in politics, are few.

The mayor could run for president next year, but would face a tough time winning the Republican nomination given his support for gay and abortion rights and for gun control. There's an outside chance he could get picked to run for vice president, but that is not something a smart politician pins a lot of hope on given the many variables.

Giuliani could run for governor in 2002, but another Republican, George Pataki, already has the job and has

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talked about running for a third term himself. The Pataki camp has made some noise about the governor running for president, or maybe vice president, next year, but waiting around on that possibility _ and the further possibility that Pataki would get elected to either spot _ probably isn't a smart bet for the mayor.

That pretty much leaves the Senate race for Giuliani.

The mayor has already formed an exploratory committee and is raising money for a possible Senate run. He is spending a good portion of his free time visiting other parts of the state. On Wednesday, he went to Washington where three Republican senators, including Arizona's John McCain, endorsed his not-yet-declared Senate candidacy.

Nonetheless, the mayor raised some eyebrows recently when he wondered aloud about "what happens to the city" if he is elected to the Senate.

"Many people have come to me in the last couple of months and said it would be very easy for the city to slip back to where it was," he said.

What seemed to be preying on the mayor's mind was the city's public advocate, liberal Democrat Mark Green, taking over and serving out Giuliani's term as called for in the city charter.

To some, Giuliani's expression of concern was evidence he was preparing an exit strategy for a Senate race he hadn't even entered. He could say: "The city can't get along without me." Others said it was more likely just prep work for naming a charter revision commission that could then offer city voters the chance this November to change the line of mayoral succession and keep Green from moving up to the mayor's job.

Ickes has said it will be this summer, at the earliest, before Mrs. Clinton ends the guessing game on her side. Giuliani has refused to provide any timetable.

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Giuliani and Vallone Seek To Abolish School Board

Goal Is New Control for Mayor and Council

By DAN BARRY

After years of criticizing the Board of Education from separate corners in City Hall, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone have agreed to pursue legislation that would abolish the board and replace it with a system more beholden to the Mayor and the Council, representatives from both sides said yesterday.

They have not yet ironed out the details of a specific proposal, but are looking at various options, including systems already in place in Chicago and Detroit. But according to Anthony P. Coles, a senior adviser to the Mayor, Mr. Giuliani and Mr. Vallone agree that any new system would probably include a commissioner of education, appointed by the Mayor with the advice and the consent of the City Council.

Mr. Coles said that Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew would be the Mayor's first choice for commissioner. A spokeswoman for Dr. Crew said yesterday that the chancellor's office was unaware of the plan by Mr. Giuliani and Mr. Vallone.

Other aspects of the proposal are still under consideration.

Consensus in City Hall hardly insures, however, that the plan will receive the necessary approval of the State Legislature. Although both sides said that they had the general support of Governor George E. Pataki, they acknowledged that they would have a difficult time convincing the Democrat-controlled Assembly of the merit of their plan.

But such a spokeswoman for Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, who is not an ally of either the Mayor or the Speaker, confirmed yesterday that they had reason for concern, saying that the Assembly was predisposed against any plan to give the Mayor control of the school board.

"It doesn't matter who is sitting in City Hall," she said. "It is just a philosophical approach to education. It should be an independent school board."

The Board of Education is a semi-autonomous body that oversees the education of 1.1 million children in

point of saying that he shared Mr. Giuliani's disgust with the school system.

"Anyone with an objective approach has to come back with the answer that this board, as presently structured, does not respond to the needs of children," Mr. Vallone said yesterday. He echoed Mr. Giuliani's complaint that the board members too often allocate money by the geographical boundaries of their boroughs, rather than by where the most children with the greatest needs are.

He said that for the last few weeks, aides to both the Mayor and the Speaker have been working on the language of the legislation. He provided a rough outline that would call for a commissioner, appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council, as well as a deputy commissioner in each borough to insure "local input."

Neither Mr. Vallone nor Mr. Coles provided other specifics, choosing instead to express their excitement over what they clearly considered to be a bold proposal. They both said that the backing of the Mayor and the Council should give the legislation the necessary gravity to earn the support of state legislators.

Political reality — and recent history — in New York suggests that city officials face a hard sell in Albany.

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Pat Lynch, a spokeswoman for Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver — who is not an ally of either the Mayor or the Speaker — confirmed yesterday that they had reason for concern, saying that the Assembly was predisposed against any plan to give the Mayor control of the school board.

"It doesn't matter who is sitting in City Hall," she said. "It is just a philosophical approach to education. It should be an independent school board."

The Board of Education is a semi-autonomous body that oversees the education of 1.1 million children in more than 1,100 schools throughout the city. Its seven members include two mayoral appointees and a representative from each of the city's five boroughs. Its chancellor is appointed by the board, but mayors, including Mr. Giuliani, have traditionally had significant input in the selection.

Although Mr. Giuliani has often been careful not to criticize Dr. Crew, whose hiring the Mayor helped to orchestrate in 1995, he has not minced words in criticizing the school system overall. He has portrayed it as a "job-protection" operation, in which board members underserve schoolchildren by fighting for the interests of their individual boroughs and principals are protected by tenure. The Mayor argues that there is insufficient accountability and that tenure gives principals no incentive to improve student performance.

During his budget address on Thursday, Mr. Giuliani went so far as to suggest that the entire school system be "blown up" — a statement that disturbed Dr. Crew, who read it as a comment of his own performance, and angered Steven Sanders, the chairman of the state Assembly's education committee, who said it was "inappropriate and offensive."

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Third, there are the memories of 1996, when the legislature approved a plan that curtailed school decentralization in New York City by taking away the hiring powers of the city's 32 community school boards, which had become patronage operations, and broadening the powers of the schools chancellor. But the measure came only after years of partisan squabbling, and despite complaints that it was robbing communities of local input into the education of their children.

Lately, Dr. Crew has not responded well to the Mayor's compliments, including those delivered during Thursday's budget address. Instead, he expressed displeasure with the Mayor's reference to "blowing up" the system, his refusal to release \$6 billion in capital funds to the board, and his decision to press forward with a school voucher plan.

When asked whether the Chancellor and his aides had heard of the effort by the Mayor and the Speaker, Dr. Crew's spokeswoman, Chiara Colletti, paused before answering.

"No," she said. "We have not heard that."

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By ADAM NAGOURNEY

For a peek at how Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani might run a campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton for Senate next year, go no farther than the Giuliani Web site devoted to a daily electronic thrashing of the First Lady. "Born in Illinois and carried to power in Arkansas, with no connection of any kind to New York, Hillary has set her sights on the New York Senate seat," the site, HillaryNo.com, tells visitors.

In the unsettled atmosphere that envelops this still-hypothetical race, one thing has become clear in the last few days: Mrs. Clinton's residency, or her lack thereof in New York, is looming as a major factor in the prospective race, and even, her friends say, in the First Lady's decision whether to run at all.

Mr. Giuliani's advisers say that

the Mayor, after initially saying he would not make an issue of Mrs. Clinton's years of growing up in Illinois and living in Arkansas, is now prepared to turn her non-New York pedigree into one of his main attacks against her. Mr. Giuliani has taken to describing Mrs. Clinton as a carpet-bagger, while pointedly joking to audiences upstate — where his advisers believe that resentment of Mrs. Clinton's lack of New York residency is particularly deep — that perhaps he should move to Arkansas and run for Senate there.

"People across the state have expressed their concern about the issue," said Bruce J. Teitelbaum, the director of Mr. Giuliani's Senate exploratory committee, which set up the HillaryNo site. "Many people have told us there's a lack of confidence with someone who knows nothing about the state and who has

never lived in the state, and whether a person like that has an understanding of the needs of the people of the state of New York."

And Mrs. Clinton's advisers, who have noted public polls showing that support for the First Lady has slipped, say they are reviewing ways to counter what they say appears to be a potent line of attack. The First Lady's three days in New York last week, combined with a last-minute decision to return this Thursday to address the state Democratic Party, along with the new authority she is displaying in talking about New York culture and history, marked the start of an effort to transform her from a Washington celebrity into a more familiar figure in New York.

"It certainly appears that Mayor Giuliani thinks it is an issue," said Harold M. Ickes, the former senior White House aide who is overseeing

Mrs. Clinton's exploration of a Senate race. "And it may well be an issue. Mrs. Clinton is going to have to spend some time assuring voters that she indeed wants to represent New York, which she does."

"But it's a legitimate question that voters may raise," Mr. Ickes said. "I don't know how deeply it cuts."

For all the calculation going on in both camps, however, the actual political significance of the fact that Mrs. Clinton has never lived in New York remains one of the larger mysteries of this prospective matchup. While Mr. Giuliani's decision to attack her on the issue could persuade Mrs. Clinton not to run — and that could very well be Mr. Giuliani's real motivation — there is much debate in political circles about how problematic it would be for Mrs. Clinton to move to New York, declare her candidacy and run.

"The rule is, don't do it," said Charles E. Cook Jr., author of a Washington-based political report that follows Congressional races. "But if there was going to be an exception, this would be it."

By contrast, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democrat whose retirement in 2000 has created the opening that Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Giuliani are now examining, argued in an interview that the state is so diverse, and has such a history of embracing outsiders in all kinds of professions, that never having been a resident would pose only a minor difficulty to the First Lady.

"Being someone from another place is a fact of life for huge numbers of our citizens," Mr. Moynihan said. "The Constitution says you have to be a citizen of the state at the

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In some episodes in political history, being a carpetbagger proved a liability, notably when Pete Dawkins, a Republican, moved to New Jersey to run for Senate against Frank R. Lautenberg in 1988. He lost.

But there are as many examples where it did not matter. John S. McCain, the Republican Senator from Arizona, defused the charge overnight by observing that the longest he had ever lived in one place was the five and a half years he spent as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

There are reasons to believe that Mrs. Clinton can surmount the issue. Early public polls suggest that voters are evenly divided over whether they would consider Mrs. Clinton's residency in deciding how to vote.

Maurice Carroll, the director of the Quinnipiac Poll, said his polling found that half the respondents had concerns about Mrs. Clinton being from out of state, but he said the figure was far lower than he would expect to find in other states. "In most other states, it would be 95 percent," Mr. Carroll said. "But in New York, it seems to be less of a problem. We are a national place."

Two of the men who have held Mr. Moynihan's seat moved in from out of state: Robert F. Kennedy, a Democrat from Massachusetts, and James L. Buckley, a Conservative from Connecticut. Each was helped to victory by other factors — Mr. Kennedy benefited from Lyndon B. Johnson's landslide victory of 1964

and the aura of the Kennedy name, while Mr. Buckley slipped through in a three-way race in 1970 — but their successes have been cited by Mrs. Clinton's supporters as evidence that one does not have to have lived in New York to run here.

Mr. Giuliani, several consultants said, might not be the ideal person to make this particular charge against the First Lady. Upstate, his attempts to portray her as an interloper might be undercut by the equally foreign image of a New York City Mayor campaigning through the mountains and farmland north of Peekskill.

And Mrs. Clinton might turn out to have a particular immunity to this line of attack because she represents a new kind of public figure in America: someone who has no clear geographical identification whatsoever. She grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, and moved with President Clinton to Arkansas, before coming to Washington. She has no particular accent or visible cultural markers. Her political philosophy is more New York than Arkansas.

"The people who respect her — as well as those who dislike her — don't consider that she came from Chicago," said Representative Charles E. Rangel, the New York Democrat who has promoted her candidacy. "They consider her as a national figure, and God knows, that's what we need in a national state."

Perhaps. But even Dick Morris, the political consultant, was unable to offer advice on how to defuse an issue he considers politically lethal.

"I frankly think she is not going to run because of this," Mr. Morris said. "She will carefully and calmly assess the polling and make a reasoned decision not to do it."

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4 Children Seriously Injured In Queens Apartment Fire

Four young children were seriously hurt yesterday afternoon when they were trapped in a bedroom during a fire in their Queens apartment, fire officials said. They said the blaze apparently started when one of the children began lighting matches on a bed.

The children — ages 8, 5, 3 and 1 — all suffered serious burns and smoke inhalation and were placed in an oxygen chamber at Jacob Hospital Center, police and fire officials said.

Although their conditions were not clear yesterday afternoon, fire officials said that the 3-year-old, Keisha Lopez, had suffered life-threatening burns and remained in respiratory arrest as paramedics rushed her from the family's home in Corona.

KIT R. ROANE

Woody Allen Props Auctioned

The place was a nondescript warehouse in Long Island City, Queens, the time yesterday morning. But the thousands of objects crowding the shelves and floor in the cavernous space potently evoked other places and eras: there were mahogany radios and clunky microphones from the 1930's and 40's, a tall wooden phone booth with folding doors, the kind Superman would use, and a collection of halberds, pikes and tridents of the sort you might see in hell.

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By GINGER

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Ms. Abankwah, a 29-year-old, has been held in Queens since March 1 arrived at Kennedy International, a false passport, rack and speaking in broken English, she had fled the elders of her village, she had lost her who was not an approved violator her tribe's customs.

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Giuliani Defends Proposal To Disband School Board

Chancellor Warns of Political Interference

By DAVID M. HERSZENHORN

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani vowed yesterday to forge ahead with his proposal to abolish the New York City Board of Education in the face of resistance from the State Legislature, describing the plan as an "altruistic" effort to eliminate a bureaucracy that hampers the instruction of children.

But the City Schools Chancellor, Rudy Crew, who did not learn of the plan until a reporter told his office about it on Friday, said he would oppose it, calling it "an overly simplistic model" that would make educators and schoolchildren victims of "the political ebb and flow of things."

The Mayor and the City Council Speaker, Peter F. Vallone, who have both been critical of the seven-member school board, are pursuing legislation that would disband the board and replace it with an education commissioner and deputies, all appointed by the Mayor in conjunction with the Council. The bill requires the approval of the Legislature, which has resisted such efforts in the past, and of Gov. George E. Pataki.

Dr. Crew said that he, too, believed that the board should be restructured but that he favored "a more corporate body" that would retain a degree of independence from elected officials and politics. And though an adviser to the Mayor said that Dr. Crew would be Mr. Giuliani's first choice as education commissioner, the Chancellor said he would not want the post.

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improve the lives of students, including reducing class sizes, improving teacher training, building new schools and raising academic standards.

But Ms. Weingarten also said the union was not opposed to restructuring the board. "I am not wedded by any stretch of the imagination to the current board that we have now," she said. "That's not my issue right now. There is an appropriate time for us to discuss it. We need to focus on classroom instruction and making sure that kids are reaching high standards on all levels. That's what the relentless focus should be on."

Both the State Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver, and the majority leader of the State Senate, Joseph Bruno, reacted coolly to the plan on Friday, suggesting that neither house relished the thought of reopening debate on control of the city's school system.

Mr. Giuliani, a Republican who is considering running for Senate next year, and Mr. Vallone, a Democrat considering a run for mayor in 2001, said they had the support of the Governor on the school board issue. Mr. Giuliani said he believed that the Republican-controlled Senate would eventually sign on but that the greatest opposition would come from the State Assembly, which is controlled by the Democrats.

"My sense is that the Legislature will resist it," Mr. Giuliani said. "But if I stopped pushing for reforms that the Legislature resisted, New York City would be exactly the same way that it was six years ago."

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NEW JERSEY

Refugees From Kosovo Expected at Fort Dix

Refugees from Kosovo may arrive at Fort Dix as early as Friday, officials in neighboring Pemberton Township were told by military officials last week.

The military officials, in a meeting held at Fort Dix, advised the township's police chief last week that up to 2,000 Kosovars would arrive on Friday, Mayor Thalia C. Kay of Pemberton Township said yesterday.

"We're going on the expectation that we'll have 1,500 to 2,000 refugees," she said.

A Fort Dix spokeswoman, Senior Airman Cecelia McRobie, declined to discuss the arrivals and referred questions to a Department of Defense spokesman in Virginia, who did not return calls seeking comment.

Mayor Kay said military advisers told the town's police chief that the refugees would be housed in dorms on the base, about 15 miles southeast of Trenton, and would be free to walk the half-mile to downtown Pemberton.

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Dr. Crew was not the only one to criticize the proposal yesterday. The Queens Borough President, Claire Shulman, said she favored an independent school system that would not be subject to change after every mayoral election. "You never know who is going to be elected in the future," Mrs. Shulman said.

William C. Thompson Jr., the board's president, said the plan would completely politicize public education. "I absolutely believe in an Independent Board of Education," he said. "I think it creates a certain buffer and allows people to focus on education and not have to deal with politics directly."

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He suggested that the school system be led by a chief executive who would report to the board at quarterly meetings, rather than twice monthly.

"In the final analysis, one person has to drive" the system, he said. Dr. Crew criticized the Mayor and the Speaker for not including him and other educators in the process of writing the legislation for the creation of a new school system.

"This is being crafted by politicians," he said. "But how it will impact a kid who is taking the fourth-grade test, in terms of what they need — that's not woven into this conversation."

Dr. Crew said he would be glad to join the Mayor and the Speaker in a conversation about restructuring the board but said he believed that the current proposal would not survive. "To put together a piece of legislation that ultimately will result in the abolition of the school board, I just don't see that happening," he said.

Gay Man Is Allowed 'Battered'

By KATHERINE E. FINKELSTEIN

John Stagno was a controlling and jealous boyfriend who threatened his live-in partner with a knife and a bottle, and kept the only key to their Crown Heights apartment, a lawyer contends in papers filed in Brooklyn Supreme Court.

So when Mr. Stagno, 32, brandished a bottle in December 1997 and his partner fought back, stabbing him to death, it seemed like a classic case of "battered wife syndrome," the partner's lawyer has argued. Except that the partner, John Pickett, 33, is a man.

On Friday, in a ruling that lawyers say is unprecedented, a Brooklyn Justice, John M. Leventhal, said Mr. Pickett could use the battered wife argument to bolster his claim that he killed Mr. Stagno in self-defense.

Prosecutors, who have charged him with second-degree murder, had opposed the battered wife claim.

In the early '90s, the battered wife argument was used in a Florida case involving two lesbians, Mr. Pickett's lawyer, Arthur Aidala, said. But he said he knew of no case involving two men in which the defense had been used.

Mr. Aidala said that Mr. Pickett suffered from low self-esteem and emotional dependency, classic elements of battered wife syndrome. "He was trying to muster up the strength and energy to leave," Mr. Aidala said. "But where does a gay, black, HIV-positive man turn for help?" When Mr. Pickett first moved in with Mr. Stagno in early 1997, Mr. Aidala said, his client had a job at Kmart. But he said that Mr. Stagno,

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This Factory's Bats Are Going, Going, Gone

As the Source for McGwire's 'Big Stick,' A Struggling Upstate Town Gets a Lift

By RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA

DOLGEVILLE, N.Y., April 21 — The folks here have nothing against Sammy Sosa, calling him a fine fellow and a great ballplayer. But for a year now, there has been no more passionate a group of Mark McGwire fans than the people of this wooded little village on the southwest shoulder of the Adirondacks.

McGwire hails from California and plays his home games in St. Louis, but his bats are made here, at the Rawlings Adirondack factory. For generations, the sweet crack of wood on horsehide has been music to Dolgeville, and never more so than when McGwire is swinging. Since his assault on baseball's home run record last summer, sales of Adirondack bats have soared, and so has employment at the factory.

As McGwire chased the ghosts of Roger Maris and Babe Ruth, staying barely ahead of Sosa, the race became one of the biggest things ever to happen to Dolgeville, population 2,300. At Motor's Inn diner, where the old-timers gather early in the morning, at the North Hudson Woodcraft factory, where workers make parts for pianos and coffins, and in the village's taverns and parks, everyone became a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals slugger,

rooting for him to beat Sosa, of the Chicago Cubs, to the record.

In the end, they both eclipsed Maris's single-season record of 61 homers in 1961. McGwire finishing with 70 and Sosa with 66.

"It was all anyone could talk about," said Nadine Johnson, owner of Motor's Inn. "We were all so excited about McGwire, the race and him using bats from here."

McGwire, like many other players, has a promotional deal with Rawlings, but he favored its bats long before he was paid to do so, before he became a star.

Exactly what the attention paid to his feats did to sales of the Adirondack bat, Rawlings Sporting Goods, based in St. Louis, will not say. "It's a trade secret, but I will say, it has meant hundreds of thousands of bats," said Tim R. Socha, the plant manager. "We've been going nuts since last summer."

In an ordinary year, the factory's base work force is about 25, climbing to 55 in the busy season of winter and early spring, Mr. Socha said. "But we've been running around 90," he said, "and we're



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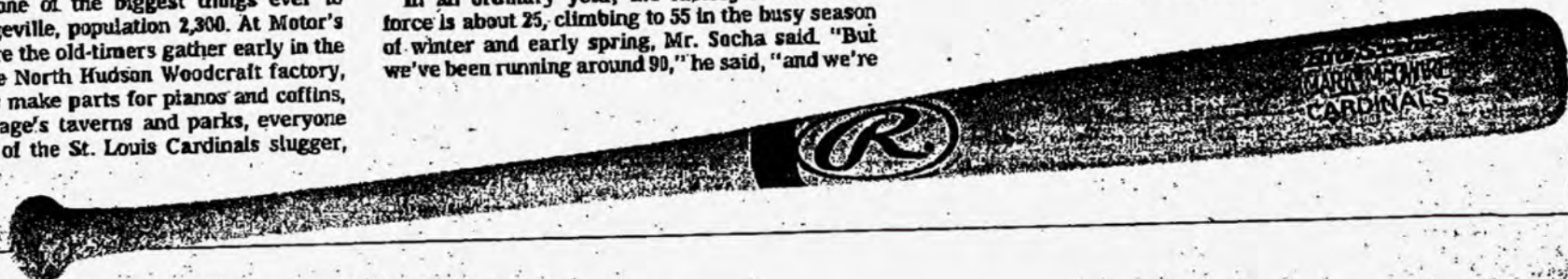
hiring to keep three shifts going."

According to Rawlings's most recent corporate report, its wood baseball-bat revenue for the six-month period ended Feb. 28 was more than \$2.3 million above the same period a year earlier, even as sales of its other sports equipment fell. The report credited McGwire with the increased bat sales. Rawlings had total revenue of \$170.6 million in the year ended Aug. 31.

Mary Barnes has worked in the Dolgeville factory for years, but only with the buzz of the last

At the Rawlings factory in Dolgeville, N.Y., Kimm Gage measures a bat cut to order for a major leaguer. Known for its Mark McGwire bats, the plant is humming lately.

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Political Memo

Giuliani Takes Aim at Hillary Clinton's Out-of-State Address

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

For a peek at how Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani might run a campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton for Senate next year, go no farther than the Giuliani Web site devoted to a

the Mayor, after initially saying he would not make an issue of Mrs. Clinton's years of growing up in Illinois and living in Arkansas, is now prepared to turn her non-New York pedigree into one of his main attacks

never lived in the state, and whether a person like that has an understanding of the needs of the people of the state of New York."

And Mrs. Clinton's advisers, who have noted public polls showing that support for the First Lady has

Mrs. Clinton's exploration of a Senate race. "And it may well be an issue. Mrs. Clinton is going to have to spend some time assuring voters that she indeed wants to represent New York, which she does.

"But it's a legitimate question that

"The rule is, don't do it," said Charles E. Cook Jr., author of Washington-based political report that follows Congressional race. "But if there was going to be an exception, this would be it."

By contrast, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan, the Democrat who

olgevillie, N.Y., population 2,300, has seen its economic fortunes improve as the source of Mark McGwire's Rawlings Adirondack baseball bat.

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bar has she become a true fan. "I never paid much attention to baseball, really," she said. "But you just couldn't help getting excited about it. Mean, these are our bats."

And that is the best economic news in a long, long time for Dolgevillie, tucked in the hills north of the Mohawk River and 23 miles east of Utica.

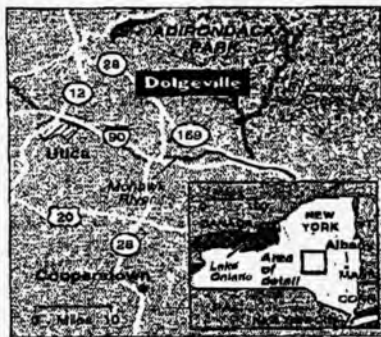
Century-old clapboard houses with flower beds here are well tended, but behind the trim exterior, the village is fading. Its population and job base declining steadily, like so many places upstate that have lost the manufacturing that once fed them.

Jamestown lost its furniture makers and the Crescent wrench works, Troy lost the Arrow shirt collar factory, and Schenectady lost the American Locomotive Company and most of General Electric.

Dolgevillie's soon-to-be relic is the Daniel Green shoe factory, a great stone castle along East Canada Creek that once employed nearly 1,000 people, but has seen a series of layoffs. Most of the jobs have moved overseas, and the factory will cease production in June.

At least one resource has not deserted the region: the northern white ash, common to upstate New York and Pennsylvania, that is used in nearly all wooden baseball bats. Some of McGwire's bats have returned home, after a fashion. They now rest in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, an hour's drive south of here.

The Adirondack bat was born here in the mid-1840's — it became a part



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To find McGwire's bats, look to Dolgevillie, N.Y., or Cooperstown.

of Rawlings in 1975 — and early on, its fortunes rose with the long ball. Bobby Thomson of the New York Giants popularized the brand in 1951 by using one to hit the fabled home run that won the Giants the National League pennant over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the pivotal playoff game.

Wood bat makers nearly went under when aluminum bats became popular in the 1970's. Aluminum bats last longer, they are lighter and, most important, a ball hit by one travels faster and farther. Though the professional leagues use only wood, aluminum bats account for the great majority of the \$115 million-a-year domestic bat market.

But a backlash against aluminum bats has begun. After scores sharply increased and a number of pitchers were injured by line drives that were too fast to defend against, the National Collegiate Athletic Association imposed new rules last year restricting the performance of aluminum bats

to make them more like wood. Officials are considering banning them entirely. A few collegiate and high school leagues have voluntarily given up aluminum and returned to wood.

All of that is good news for Rawlings, a distant second in the wood bat market — how distant the company will not say — to the market leader, Hillerich & Bradsby of Louisville, Ky., maker of the Louisville Slugger.

Rawlings makes about one-third of the bats used by major league players, who are notoriously particular about their equipment. Hitters have been known to demand — and receive — new bats delivered overnight, and they have been known to reject bats for the tiniest flaws, real or imagined. A major leaguer who plays regularly will go through 100 to 150 bats in a season, Mr. Socha said, at \$29 apiece.

The differences between one brand and another are tiny, but as is often noted, much of hitting is in the mind, and most players, like McGwire, use the same model every time up, unwilling to tolerate any unfamiliar element that might distract them. Socha is unusual in that he readily switches not only brands but also bat sizes, and, in fact, has used an Adirondack bat on occasion.

A McGwire bat is 34½ inches long and a relatively light 33 ounces, compared with 36 inches and 36 ounces for his fellow power hitters Albert Belle and Jose Canseco, who also swing Adirondacks.

Their almost superstitious insistence on sameness, plus lucrative promotional deals, makes most hitters paragons of brand loyalty. Exclusive users of Adirondack bats

have included Willie Mays, Mike Schmidt, Reggie Jackson, Willie McCovey and Roberto Clemente.

Like major league teams looking for raw talent, Rawlings sends scouts into the countryside to hunt for the best trees. The wood is cut into cylinders, kiln-dried to make it resist cracking, turned on a lathe, sanded into shape, heat-stamped with the company's logo and usually dipped in a lacquer finish.

For the bats sold to the general public, which can cost as little as \$10, the lathing and sanding are automat-

One resource has not deserted the area: the northern white ash.

ed and take seconds. But in a room t one side of the factory, the major league bats are made with far greater care, each one taking several minutes. The room is lined with hundreds of "pattern bats," one for each major league client, used to guide the lathe when a new bat is being made. The sanding is done by hand.

"This is where it happens," said Bill Steele, supervisor of the major league room, pausing as if even he after 30 years at the factory, were still a little awed by it all. "It was amazing what McGwire did last year, and it's amazing what's happened to us. I'm glad to be a part of it."

No Asylum for a Woman Threatened With Genital Cutting

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pounds from her previous weight, she said. And medical records indicate that she has developed ovarian cysts and ulcers.

Jonathan W. Rauchway, a lawyer with the firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York City who is representing Ms. Abankwah, said two petitions to have her paroled to the custody of a Pentecostal minister in the Bronx who has befriended her had been denied.

During an interview at Wackenhut arranged by Mr. Rauchway, Ms. Abankwah looked tired and weak. "If you talk to the I.N.S.," she begged a reporter, "please tell them I am not a criminal. I just want to be free."

In the interview and in testimony before the immigration courts, she described her flight for freedom. She was born into the Nkumssa, a tribe of about 600 people who live in an isolated region in central Ghana. Ms. Abankwah said her mother was designated the tribe's "queen mother," leading most religious rituals and setting rules for the other women.

In the fall of 1996, Ms. Abankwah said, her mother died and the tribal elders decided that she would succeed her mother. Ms. Abankwah protested, refusing to accept an arranged marriage and to perform rituals intended to determine whether she was a virgin.

"I had a boyfriend," she said. "I did not want the elders to marry for me. I wanted to marry for myself."

Ms. Abankwah said she revealed the relationship to her grandmother, who warned her that the elders would cut or kill her if they discovered the truth. "If the elders find out I am not a virgin, they will never forgive me and they will cut my clitoris," she said, recalling the fears that made her flee. "And they would look for the boy, and they would not forgive him. So I had to run away."

Asked if she had ever seen the elders kill someone, she said: "You don't see it. You just see a person one day. And the next day you do not see that person."

She fled to the Ghanaian capital, Accra, she said, where she worked for people who took pity on her and eventually helped her get a false passport and a plane ticket to New York because tribal elders had come to Accra to find her. She had no relatives here, but her friends gave her the phone number of a Ghanaian minister in the Bronx. The minister, her friends told her, would take her in and help her start a new life.

But Ms. Abankwah did not make it

genuine fear of returning home, a fear one judge described as "intense."

But the courts did not believe Ms. Abankwah's claims of persecution. On July 30, the Board of Immigration Appeals ruled: "We find the applicant's claim that she will be killed because she fled from her village to avoid becoming the queen mother is unbelievable. The applicant has offered no evidence that the punish-

ment for not becoming queen mother is death."

And an earlier ruling by an immigration court in Jamaica, Queens, drew a distinction between Ms. Abankwah's petition for asylum and that of Fauziya Kassindja, who fled Togo in 1994 because of similar fears. She was detained for more than a year while her case was being reviewed. Publicity about her ordeal led to protests that prompted the I.N.S. to recognize female genital cutting as a form of persecution.

A lack of rules for assessing claims of sexual oppression.

The October 1997 decision said female genital cutting had been "imposed uniformly on a particular

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judges in America, her lawyer said. But in Ghana, he said, it is little more than fantasy. "The place where she lives is not the suburbs," Mr. Rauchway said. "It's rural, isolated Africa. The elders govern the tribe. The police and the Government don't have any control."

Mr. Rauchway and other advocates said Ms. Abankwah's case demonstrated how difficult it was for asylum seekers to meet the evidentiary requirements of immigration law. In places like Ghana, Mr. Rauchway said, people do not have birth certification papers, like birth certificates or driver's licenses.

Abankwah's identification is a tattoo on her forearm that reads "Marman Briwa." The first word, said, translates loosely as "older sister." The second is the name of the village. "If I am dead somewhere," she said, showing the tattoo, "I can look at this and they will know where I come from."

While she waits for her court case, Ms. Abankwah, who has skin color of coffee and neatly braided hair, passes the time watching television, reading books and playing monopoly with other detainees.

Although she is almost 30, manner of speaking and her smile make her seem childlike. Smiles were rare during the hour interview. Most of the time, Abankwah fretted about her case and her deteriorating health. "Sometimes," she said, still thinking about Monopoly, "the other

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who was unemployed, controlled the couple's finances and gave Mr. Pick-