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HEADLINE: The Political Ticker: QUICK HITS FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL;
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BODY:

Together again, for the first time

George W. Bush and John McCain will meet on May 9 in Pittsburgh for the first time since the Arizona senator, Bush's toughest party rival, folded his candidacy. "Of course I want his support, but I don't know if it will happen as a result of the meeting," Bush said Thursday in Austin, Texas. "John wants to visit. I want to visit," he added. McCain, speaking to reporters just off the Senate floor, said, "I'm sure we'll have a fruitful discussion" including possible ways of helping out in the GOP campaign. McCain already has pledged to support the nominee of his party, but has said the enthusiasm he puts into the effort will depend in part on Bush's willingness to adopt elements of the senator's "reform agenda."

Perhaps they better vet the report now

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Reaction to George W. Bush's proposal to give \$ 2,000 tax credits to help poor families pay for health insurance received mixed reviews, as such proposals generally do. Some see it as a generous plan that will assist millions; others say the "tiny" credits won't help most families. John Goodman, president of the National Center for Policy Analysis, a conservative research group, says the tax credits will help 18 million low-income Americans buy health insurance, including 4 million to 5 million who couldn't afford it before. Ron Pollack, president of Families USA, which lobbies for universal health care, countered that most uninsured families still couldn't afford coverage because the tax credits would cover too little of their out-of-pocket expenses.

Making hay with Ventura

The word Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura and his wife, Terry, used repeatedly to describe their dinner with Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, was "fantastic," said the Minneapolis Star Tribune. The private dinner at the vice presidential residence Wednesday night lasted more than four hours. The newspaper reported that the two couples traded jokes, told stories of raising children in the public eye, and went out to the nearby Naval Observatory telescope to observe the moon. Gore's association with Ventura may be an effort to reach out to independents and establish credentials as a reformer. This second meeting was said to have gone so well that the Gores accepted an invitation to the Ventura ranch on their next visit to Minnesota.

Take me out to the ballgame

Hillary Clinton never quite stated it, but pretty much everything she did in Rochester, N.Y. --- her fourth upstate visit in six days --- was intended as a reminder of which Senate candidate had not shown up as promised. Rudolph Giuliani had decided abruptly to scrap an upstate campaign swing Wednesday so he could attend the Yankees home opener. At nearly every opportunity, Clinton has managed to slip into her remarks the number of times she had been upstate and the places she had visited. This time, she was supposed to visit only Buffalo, but added a quick trip to Rochester, the second of two cities Giuliani was supposed to visit. She stayed just long enough for a glass of iced tea and a sit-down chat with voters.

New York Senate state of mind

Hillary Clinton scrapped plans to headline a May 3 charity dinner for an Arab-American group because representatives from the Israeli Embassy were not invited. Certain Arab countries do not recognize Israel. The Mosaic Foundation is made up of the wives of Arab ambassadors to the United States who raise money for charity, and Clinton began support of the group when she was a Washington, not a New York, Hillary. This year's dinner on May 3 is to benefit Save the Children. Rudolph Giuliani's campaign spokeswoman Kim Serafin called Clinton's decision to back out "a classic Clinton flip-flop."

No politics, on general principles

Five years after he ruled out running for president, retired Gen. Colin Powell still gets The Big Question about a political future. "I have never had any political inclination," he told the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, stressing "never." "Political life is not for me." But Powell, a registered Republican, said later he would consider any nonpolitical role offered to him, keeping alive the possibility he'd end up in the Cabinet if George W. Bush is elected president. Powell already has ruled out being Bush's running mate.

Helping hand? That's debatable

The Reform Party's Pat Buchanan expects Al Gore to give him a helping hand. Buchanan told USA Today that Gore may support his bid to be included in presidential debates in the fall. "I wouldn't be surprised to see Gore say, 'He belongs in the debate, too.' And that would put terrible pressure on (George W.) Bush." Gore would be acting on the assumption that Buchanan's candidacy would

hurt Bush more, but Buchanan said that calculation could be a mistake.
Riding off with SUV vote

A new poll conducted for House Republicans reveals that John McCain is a more popular running mate than Colin Powell for George W. Bush, according to the Washington Times. Meanwhile, 25 percent of Americans told Gallup interviewers last month that they own a sport utility vehicle. Of this group, Roll Call reports, 57 percent said they'll vote for Bush and 35 said Al Gore.

Start saving young

George W. Bush remains undaunted by critics and continues to hawk his plan for reducing poverty and improving public health. But the Los Angeles Times, detailing the latest pieces of Bush's "New Prosperity Initiative," found a problem. Among Bush's proposals: special bank accounts for education and small business in which banks would match deposits made by the poor up to \$ 300 a year in return for tax credits. At that rate, saving enough for a semester of college could take 20 years.

Staying up late for the VP

He didn't arrive until after midnight Thursday morning, but that wasn't going to stop Al Gore from keeping an appointment with a local teacher who was serving as host for the night in Charlotte. Gore has made a point of sleeping over the night before at the home of a teacher from the chosen school. This time, it was Laurel Warfield's turn. The sixth-grade language arts teacher was told Gore's late-night visit was running an hour late, but she and her family were waiting up.

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HEADLINE: First Lady Moves to Improve Relations With Jewish Voters

BYLINE: By ADAM NAGOURNEY

BODY:

On Wednesday, Hillary Rodham Clinton hastily ended a news conference in a Rochester suburb so she could fly back for an unannounced meeting with Jewish leaders in Manhattan. The day before, the first lady called one of the city's leading Orthodox Jewish leaders, Assemblyman Dov Hikind of Brooklyn, while he was visiting his father in the hospital to offer words of sympathy and arrange a meeting about her Senate candidacy.

And yesterday, Mrs. Clinton's aides said that she had abruptly withdrawn as the honorary chairwoman of a charity dinner organized by an Arab-American group after learning, they said, that the organization had refused to invite representatives of the Israeli Embassy to its charity events. Mr. Hikind, a Democrat who was once one of Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's most ardent Jewish supporters, was quick to applaud the gesture.

These events come in the midst of a concerted, if unannounced, effort by Mrs. Clinton's campaign to try to repair her shaky relations with many Jewish voters. Over the last two months, barely a week has gone by without Mrs. Clinton's appearing at a synagogue or a Jewish women's luncheon and holding a private meeting with Jewish leaders.

Mrs. Clinton has had problems with some Jewish leaders because of some of her positions, including her support of the creation of a Palestinian state, and her visit to the West Bank last year where she sat silently as the wife of Yasir Arafat seemingly accused Israel of poisoning Arab women and children. Given that history, Bruce J. Teitelbaum, Mr. Giuliani's campaign manager, expressed skepticism that her recent actions would dislodge doubts about her among Jewish voters.

"Given Mrs. Clinton's relationship with Al Sharpton, embrace of Suha Arafat and waffling on Jerusalem," Mr. Teitelbaum said, "and given Mr. Hikind's extremist right-wing sentiments, it just goes to show you that Mrs. Clinton will do and say just about anything to get elected."

Mr. Hikind said that Mrs. Clinton had "a long way" to go to convince him that she would adequately represent Jewish interests in the Senate. But Mr. Hikind,

who had a falling out with Mr. Giuliani six years ago -- Mr. Giuliani, he said, had yet to call him offering sympathy for his father -- said he was moved to hear Mrs. Clinton offering sympathy.

"She was very gracious and very, very warm," Mr. Hikind said yesterday. "What can I tell you? Her warm words about my father -- all I can tell you is that it was nice."

Her rapid decision to pull out as the honorary chairwoman for the dinner sponsored by the Mosaic Foundation, which is made up of wives of Arab ambassadors to raise money for charity, stood in sharp contrast to her much slower response to the dispute with Mrs. Arafat.

This was to be the third year that Mrs. Clinton served as the honorary dinner chairwoman. Mrs. Clinton's aides said she was not aware of its policy regarding the Israelis before, and noted that the dinner's sponsors included Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader, and Tom Daschle, the minority leader.

Mr. Teitelbaum was skeptical of the explanation. "Mrs. Clinton has a history of supporting this organization," he said, "so you have to wonder about her past support and the reasons why she suddenly canceled."

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BYLINE: SHANNON MCCAFFREY

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HEADLINE: HIL TO SKIP ARAB DINNER BECAUSE ISRAELIS LEFT OUT

BYLINE: By KENNETH R. BAZINET DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU With William Goldschlag and Lisa Colangelo

BODY:

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Hillary Chairing Arab Charity Event That Excludes Envoys of Jewish State

Lott, Daschle Join Syrians And Sudanese

Giuliani Sees an Opening

By ELI LAKE

FORWARD STAFF

WASHINGTON — Five months after her hug of Suha Arafat, Hillary Rodham Clinton is serving as the honorary chairwoman and host of a charity event organized by the wives of the ambassadors of Syria and Sudan, a charity that has excluded Israeli representatives from its past activities.

The May 3 event is sponsored by the Mosaic Foundation, a charitable organization formed in 1998 by the wives of Arab diplomats. The group has held three major events, sending out invitations to almost the entire diplomatic corps but snubbing the Jewish state every time. Mrs. Clinton has been an honorary chairwoman of the organization since its inception and, according to one of the group's founding members, has always helped the organization when asked.

Mrs. Clinton's relations to the Mosaic Foundation are attracting attention in the context of her bid to succeed Senator Moynihan. Her likely opponent in the November election, Mayor Giuliani, was praised last week by Senator McCain as a strong supporter of Israel, according to press reports of their joint appearances. Mr. Giuliani's campaign is already criticizing Mrs. Clinton for lending her name to a group that singles out Israel for exclusion. Others linked to the Mosaic Foundation, including Senators Lott and Daschle and Chicago Jewish megadonor Lester Crown, may become ensnared in this flap, but Mrs. Clinton is in the spotlight owing to her campaign for the Senate from the state with the largest Jewish population. Mrs. Clinton had already stirred controversy by her early support for a Palestinian-Arab state and her embrace of Suha Arafat after Mrs. Arafat accused Israel of poisoning Arab children. Mrs. Clinton eventually condemned Mrs. Arafat's remarks, blaming the delayed reaction on a poor translation and a desire to avoid creating a diplomatic incident.

"Considering that they don't invite Israelis to any of their events, it's surprising that Mrs. Clinton would lend her name and support to an organization that has a policy that is not only exclusionary but seems to be inconsistent with the spirit of the peace process," a spokeswoman for the Giuliani campaign, Caroline Nolan, said.

Two of the Mosaic Foundation's member embassies, Syria and Sudan, are on the State Department list of state sponsors of terrorism.

A spokeswoman for the first lady at the White House, Erika Batcheller, said, "Hillary Clinton as first lady regularly agrees to serve as honorary chair of charitable events. This particular event benefits Save the Children. Last year's beneficiary was Race for the Cure, and sponsors include the congressional leadership of both parties. The question of exclusion or discrimination has never been raised. Mrs. Clinton would not support or lend her name to an event that practiced discrimination."

Israel's deputy chief of mission in Washington, Lenny Ben-David, said he wished the charity Mrs. Clinton chairs would drop its policy of excluding Israel. "We admire the efforts made by the general Washington diplomatic corps to raise funds for worthy causes. And whenever possible Israeli diplomats in Washington attend these events to show our support. Frequently we encourage Washington philanthropists to join," Mr. Ben-David said. "Therefore, I have deep regret that the Mosaic Foundation, working for such worthy charities, has never invited Israeli diplomats. The needs of children's charities transcend the politics and tensions of the Middle East. We wish the Mosaic Foundation great success in their endeavor and look forward to the day when we can join together to help children."

The vice chairwoman of the Mosaic Foundation, Lynne Muasher, who is the wife of Jordan's ambassador to America, tried to explain the group's policy of keeping Israeli diplomats off the invitation list. "If there are no relationships with Israel, how can you invite somebody to an event when you don't have political relationships with them?" she asked. The majority of the Mosaic Foundation's member embassies do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Mrs. Muasher said that each year's gala has attracted a significant crowd, not only from the Washington diplomatic corps but from the corporate and political worlds as well. "Many European embassies showed up last year and the year before, and of course Arab embassies," she said.

The group started, according to Mrs. Muasher, through informal gatherings between the diplomats' wives, becoming more organized in 1998. From its inception, Mrs. Clinton has served as the group's honorary chairwoman, hosting fund-raisers with corporate donors. "She has been our honorary chair ever since we started. She is there if we need her," Mrs. Muasher said.

In the past two years, the foundation's annual galas have raised more than \$1 million for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and for the National Race for the Cure, a charity for breast-cancer research. This year the proceeds from the event will go to a British charity, Save the Children, and specifically to its programs in Morocco, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.

The event, dubbed an "Arabian Night," is scheduled to feature a Kuwaiti dance troupe and dinner at the National Building Museum. Attendance at the event costs \$400 per person. For \$50,000, a donor buys "podium recognition," a dinner table for 10, preferred seating and access to VIP events, according to an invitation.

The list of congressional sponsors for the event includes the Senate majority leader, Mr. Lott, as well as his Democratic counterpart, Mr. Daschle. Also involved is an ABC News commentator and former Clinton political aide, George Stephanopoulos.

Corporate sponsors include companies involved in the petroleum industry, including Chevron, Texaco, ExxonMobil, Shell International EP, Phillips Petroleum, BP Amoco and Halliburton. A number of defense contractors are also sponsoring the event, including the Boeing Co., General Dynamics, General Electric and Hughes Space & Telecommunications. Also on the list of corporate sponsors is The Slim Fast Food Co., which is owned by a Jewish American, S. Daniel Abraham, who has been a frequent guest at the White House and who is active in

shuttle diplomacy between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

"Each year you get to build up credibility and people get to know you more and more, so many corporations have sponsored tables for this event," Mrs. Muasher said. Mrs. Muasher insisted that the event was nonpolitical, but added that it helped strengthen ties between Arab countries and America. "We are a nonpolitical organization, we deal with cultural events and fund raising. One of our objectives is, of course, to build relationships with Americans and Arabs and to introduce Arab culture to the Americans," she said.

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STATEMENT BY THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY

Washington, D.C. — The Office of the First Lady today notified sponsors of the Mosaic Foundation's May 3rd gala benefit that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would no longer be able to serve as the event's honorary chair.

A letter released by the Office of the First Lady to the Mosaic Foundation said:

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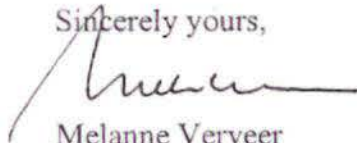
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Shaila Feryal D. Al-Sabah, ^{Chair}
(Kuwait)

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TALKING POINTS /

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She will participate in events and she will speak out
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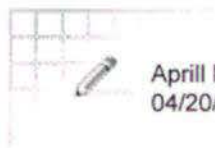
Clinton tries to avert new Arab Jewish flap

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Cheney, Crown in Pinch Over Benefit for Charity
That Excludes Israelis

Hillary, Daschle Pull Out of Event After Questions Are Raised

'Not Something We Should Tolerate,' Ganchrow Says

By ELI LAKE

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WASHINGTON -- Following Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision to withdraw as honorary chairwoman of an Arab charity with a policy of excluding Israelis, attention is shifting to other figures involved in a benefit for the charity, including an adviser to Governor George W. Bush of Texas, Richard Cheney, and a major donor to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, Lester Crown.

Mr. Cheney, who was secretary of defense during the Bush administration, is the chairman and chief executive officer of Halliburton Corp., an engineering company that does business in the Arab world. Mr. Crown, the chairman of Material Service Corp., is a director of General Dynamics, a defense contractor that also does business with many of the Arab countries whose ambassadors' wives organized the benefit for the charity, the Mosaic Foundation. Both Mr. Cheney and Mr. Crown are listed on the invitation to the May 3 event as members of the Mosaic Foundation's Finance Committee.

With the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs approaching a final deadline, many American Jewish groups and the Israeli government are beginning to make an issue of the Arab countries' refusal to move toward normalizing ties with Israel. The refusal of the Mosaic Foundation to invite Israeli diplomats to its benefit, when virtually the entire rest of the diplomatic corps in Washington is invited, is a glaring example of the sort of treatment that Israel routinely receives from the Arabs -- even when a Labor Party government eager to make peace is in power in Jerusalem. It was too much for Mrs. Clinton, who has been a public advocate of Palestinian-Arab statehood. It was also too much for Senator Daschle, who has asked to be taken off the Mosaic Foundation's Congressional Committee. Now the issue is whether Mr. Cheney, Mr. Crown and a host of other dignitaries whose names have been used to promote the May 3 event will follow suit.

The executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Malcolm Hoenlein, said, "I think public figures have to take into account the message it sends if they participate in such an

event."

The president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Dr. Mandell Ganchrow,

said that sponsors of the event had an obligation to have their names removed from the invitation and not to attend. "When the facts become known, then people have to understand that there is significance to attending or not attending," he said. "Such conduct is not something that we should tolerate in this kind of pluralistic society."

A spokeswoman for Mr. Daschle, Ranit Schmeltzer, said, "Senator Daschle had previously declined to attend. Since hearing their policy towards the Israeli ambassador he has asked to be taken off the invitation. He clearly does not condone their policy."

A spokesman for Senator Lott, the majority leader, said his office was studying the issue and had not yet arrived at a decision on whether he will attend. "Even though there are some questions about this charitable event, unlike Mrs. Clinton no one would ever doubt Senator Lott's strong and longstanding support for Israel. We're looking at this carefully," the senator's spokesman, John Czwartacki, said.

"There could be no comparing the stalwart record of support of Senator Lott throughout his years in Congress as compared to the questionable commitment that the first lady has demonstrated in issues related to Israel and the Middle East," the executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, Matthew Brooks, said. "In the end, I'm sure that Senator Lott will pull out."

Mrs. Clinton's campaign and her White House office would not return repeated phone calls this week inquiring about Mrs. Clinton's past involvement with the group. New York's Daily News reported last week that Mrs. Clinton's White House office had issued a statement saying, "The event's sponsors have chosen not to invite representatives of the Israeli government because certain Arab states do not recognize the state of Israel. Under these circumstances, Mrs. Clinton will no longer be able to serve as honorary chair."

Another member of the Congressional Committee for the Mosaic Foundation, Rep. Joseph Knollenberg, a Republican from Michigan, does not plan to withdraw from the event, a spokesman said.

Mr. Crown and Mr. Cheney did not return phone calls seeking comment. Neither did S. Daniel Abraham, whose Slim Fast Food Co. is listed as a corporate patron of the event. The Mosaic Foundation was formed in 1998 by the wives of Arab diplomats in Washington. The May 3 event, dubbed an "Arabian Night," is to benefit Save the Children programs in the West Bank, Gaza, Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.

Officials of the Mosaic Foundation would not comment this week on Mrs. Clinton's withdrawal. The foundation's vice chairwoman, Lynne Muasher, tried last week to explain the group's policy of excluding Israelis, saying, "If there are no relationships with Israel, how can you invite somebody to an event when you don't have political relationships with them?" The embassies involved in the Mosaic Foundation include those of Syria and Sudan, both on the State Department list of state sponsors of terrorism.



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Hillary's Advantage

The first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, did the right thing by withdrawing from the charity event being sponsored by the wives of Arab diplomats in Washington. Their charitable work may be worthy, but their event has been poisoned by their refusal to include envoys of the Jewish state. We'll leave it to Mayor Giuliani and his spokesmen to press the point about why Mrs. Clinton had agreed to serve as honorary chairwoman of the event in the first place. But one of the nice things about running for public office is that it tends to focus the mind. The minority leader in the Senate, Thomas Daschle, took a similarly admirable stance, asking that his name be removed from the event's invitation in protest of the Mosaic Foundation's policy of excluding Israelis. On the other hand, the Jewish millionaires who are lending their names, their fortunes and the reputations of their companies to this event -- including Lester Crown of Chicago and S. Daniel Abraham of Palm Beach -- have been sluggish in their response, as far as we can tell. Mr. Crown and Mr. Abraham are ducking our calls about the matter. Mr. Crown is listed as a member of the Finance Committee for the anti-Israel charity, and Mr. Abraham's Slim Fast Food Co. is listed as a corporate patron. Of course, Mr. Crown and Mr. Abraham do not have to answer to any voters, only to their own consciences.