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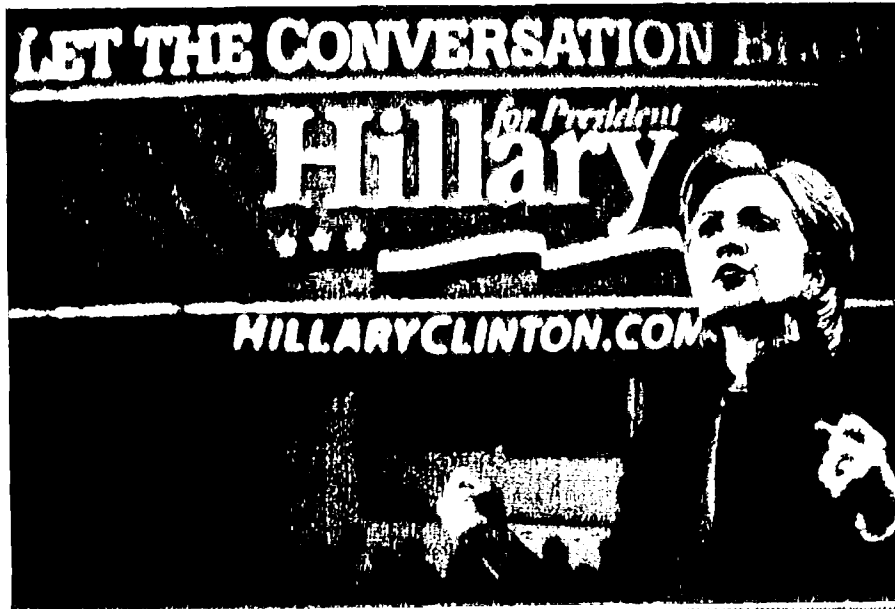
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ANOTHER CLINTON COMES BACK



New York Sen. Hillary Clinton addresses the capacity crowd in Concord yesterday on the second stop in a two-day tour of the Granite State to kick off her run for the White House.

Accent on Iraq

Clinton draws crowds in first NH stops

By JOHN DISTASO
Senior Political Reporter

HILLARY CLINTON talked about issues ranging from health care to education and the environment yesterday, but the Democratic presidential front-runner was sent a clear message that a burning issue in the first primary state is how to end American bloodshed in Iraq.

In more than a decade and her first as a presidential candidate, the New York senator was welcomed enthusiastically to town hall-style meetings attended by 350 in Berlin and more than 1,500 at the Concord High School gymnasium, where huge banners saying, "Let the Conversation Begin," were hung from the rafters.

Clinton called it a "nostalgic" visit, recalling the support her husband, former President Bill Clinton, received from state primary voters in 1992, when his second-place finish revived his struggling candidacy.

"We are forever in your debt," she said.

Most questioners Clinton faced yesterday were friendly. If not adoring, only a handful pressed her hard and those who did focused on Iraq.

Roger Titton of Nashua was in the Berlin audience calling on Clinton to recant her 2002 vote in favor of a resolution authorizing President

Candidate bio

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Born: Oct. 26, 1947, in Chicago.
Education: Wellesley College, class of 1969; Yale Law School.
Elected: U.S. Senate, D New York, 2000.
Personal: Married Bill Clinton in 1975; daughter Chelsea born in 1980.

More a for kin of fallen officers

◆ Survivor benefits: Legisla would add \$100,000 state pay to funds families already receive federal and charitable sources.

By SCOTT BROOKS
New Hampshire Union Leader Staff

Paul Larkham keeps two things in his man's badge wallet. The first, of course, is a police badge, which now denotes his removal from the force. The second is a long-ago note from his wife of 21 years, Debbie. Larkham unfolds the note with care, carried in his wallet since a Christmas years ago, when Debbie dropped it along with a bagged lunch, during a shift at the Tyngsborough, Mass., police station.

"When he first left, phone calls were, 'I can't do this. What am I going to do? The baby's crying all night.'"

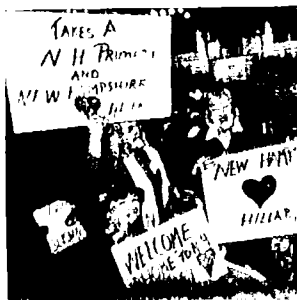
JULIANNA HARDING-ROG
National Guard wife, below, with her children, 1, 1 1/2, 7, and infant Pyle.



Easter Seals state team up for vets, fam

◆ 'Veterans Count': Program to ensure state's military families the services they need during deployment.

Supporters, left to right, Deb Crapo of Rye, Nancy Richard-Stower of Merrimack and Barbara Baldizar of Meredith await Sen. Hillary Clinton's arrival in Concord yesterday.



People had points to make

◆ In the crowd: Many fans, and a few pointed questions.

By MICHAEL COUSINEAU
New Hampshire Sunday News Staff

CONCORD — Dave Tiffany made it into the Concord High School gymnasium yesterday, wanting to make his point that now was the time to bring American troops home from Iraq. He carried his feelings for all to see. "Quit stalling. Bring our troops home," read his sign.

The Hollis man waved his message 45 minutes before New York Sen. Hillary Clinton was set to start a "conversation" with voters in the first presidential primary state.

Tiffany wanted to start the conversation early. The crowd cheered and applauded.

The senator's campaign staff, however, didn't like the message. A man wearing a "Hillary staff" badge took away his sign.

"They don't want it to be a real conversation," Tiffany said. "They want it to be a show." ▶ See Crowd, Page A6