

Clinton announces Senate candidacy

PURCHASE, N.Y. (AP) — Becoming the first president's wife to run for office, Hillary Rodham Clinton launched her Senate campaign Sunday from the state she has called home for only a month, declaring, "I may be new to your neighborhood, but I'm not new to your concerns."

The race for the seat being vacated by fellow Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan is likely to pit Clinton against Republican New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in what could be one of the most combative political campaigns in memory.

"I am honored today to announce my candidacy for the U.S. Senate from New York," Clinton said as shouts of "Hillary! Hillary!" rang through a university gymnasium not far from her new home in the suburbs north of New York City.

Behind her, President Clinton; her mother, Dorothy; and daughter Chelsea sat beaming as nearly 2,000 supporters cheered.

No other first lady has ever run for public office and in doing so, Clinton steps out of the long and scandal-scarred shadow of her husband. The president is said to be one of her top advisers as she resumes the career she put aside to help him capture the White House.

Recalling a speech she made at her college commencement at Wellesley in 1969, Clinton said: "I often return to one thing I said back then, that politics is the art of making possible what appears to be impossible. I still believe that today. We can do what seems impossible if we have the vision, the passion and the will to do it together."

as "a new Democrat" who supports balanced budgets and welfare reform.

"I don't believe that government is the source of all our problems or the solutions to them," she said.

Clinton has often criticized Giuliani's combative style, and while she didn't mention him by name Sunday, she pledged to work against "the divisive poli-

tics of revenge and retribution ... I'll work to lift people up, not push them down."

Clinton also tried to get a little New York swagger into her delivery.

"I know it's not always going to be an easy campaign, but — hey! THIS is New York," she said.

Her remarks were preceded by tributes from Moynihan, Sen. Charles Schumer and Reps. Nita Lowey of Westchester and Charles Rangel of Harlem, who joined on stage.

About 600 house parties were held simultaneously around the state so that 20,000 supporters could watch the announcement on television and listen on a conference telephone call from the candidate.

"I want to thank all of you," the lady said during the short call from a cellular phone only minutes after her announcement. "It is because of your trust and your commitment to this campaign that I think we have such a great beginning today."

Recent polls have shown Giuliani a slight lead over Clinton and running with her among female voters. That cry from a year ago when sympathy was strong from the Monica Lewinsky scandal and polls showed her well ahead of mayor.

On Sunday morning talk shows, Giuliani reminded viewers of Clinton's rivalry to New York politics.

"My record of success comes from my knowledge, experience, background and life experience as a lifetime resident of the state," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

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Over and over again during her announcement, Clinton pledged, "I'll be on your side" as she described her commitment to better schools, better health care, environmentalism and gun control. She also outlined her support for other issues, including working for passage of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty and peace from Northern Ireland to Israel.

She also took pains to describe herself

of a smiling Reagan wearing a cowboy hat. The Department of Motor Vehicles must receive 5,000 applications by Dec. 31 for the Reagan plate before it will be available.

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Library celebrates Reagan's 89th birthday

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — About 700 people gathered on a sun-drenched Sunday afternoon to celebrate Ronald Reagan's 89th birthday with a vintage car show, barbecue lunch and country music.

The celebration was held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, which charged \$15 for the lunch and offered free birthday cake to all museum visitors.

"When I listened to him, it was like I was listening to my father. And that's probably the biggest compliment I can give someone," said Santa Barbara resident Jan Tornquist. "He was so down to earth."

Reagan, who last visited the library in May, was too ill to join the celebration.

Nancy Reagan said Friday on CNN's "Larry King Live" show that her husband — diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1994 — was "doing as well as can be expected" considering the disease is progressive.

None of Reagan's relatives attended the event, but Nancy Reagan's bright red 1970 Ford Custom Ranch Wagon was on display.

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State law generally prohibits governmental entities such as A&M from entering into such agreements.

But Linbeck said Friday that a solution had been reached. Each consultant will have an insurance policy that will pay them for any time they must spend in court or in depositions, he said. The University will pay the premiums, which will be part of the investigation's overall budget.

Scott Kelly, the deputy general counsel for the Texas A&M system, said such an arrangement is legal.

"What's been talked about here is not what is usually referred to as indemnification," he said. "Because the university is not actually obligating itself to pay for the consultants' court costs, only insurance premiums."

Those premiums can be rolled into the contract as part of the regular fee for acquiring the consultants' services, Kelly said.

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stepped to the microphone and dedicated a the last song to Comstock. Lovett and Keen then proceeded into a modified and emotional, version of Keen's "Front Porch Song."

Lovett and Keen are both graduates of Texas A&M and were friends during their stay at the University.

Mary Helen Bowers, Associate Director of Special Event Facilities for Texas A&M, said this would not have been possible without the help of many people.

"We would really like to thank the Association of Former Students and, of course, Lyle and Robert, for making this possible," she said.

Bowers said there would be no official attendance or proceeds estimates for several days.

News in Brief

Reporter dies in ski accident

ELDORA, Colo. (AP) — A longtime Colorado newspaper reporter died on Saturday after apparently hitting a tree while skiing on an expert trail, his colleagues said.

Ted Nelson, 50, was found lying unconscious next to a tree at about 3 p.m. on a "double-diamond" run at the Eldora ski area, about 30 miles northwest of Denver, officials said. He was pronounced dead an hour later due to severe head and chest trauma.

Authorities did not release an identity, but colleagues at the Longmont (Colo.) Times-Call said the skier was Nelson, the newspaper's government reporter and

an accomplished outdoors enthusiast.

Curt Anderson, the newspaper's managing editor, said Nelson had worked at the Times-Call for four years and was to turn 51 on Monday.

After years in journalism, Nelson "still had that passion for being a government watchdog and a defender of the First Amendment," Anderson said. "He had that zeal."

Nelson was a veteran Colorado reporter who had also worked for the Salida Mail and the Alamosa Valley Courier, Anderson said. He had left the state and worked for Idaho's Bonners Ferry Herald and Sandpoint Daily Bee and LeGrande (Ore.) Observer before joining the Times-Call, he said.

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