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Dear Mr. Speaker.

I know too well the confusion wrought by sound bites or comments taken out of context and so sympathize with the current hub-bub arising from your mother's recent interview. We barely know each other, and I have never met your mother, so I would be delighted if you would accept my invitation to you and her to visit me at the White House at your convenience. I would be pleased to give her a personally guided tour.

I also look forward to working with you to help strengthen families in our country and assist children who need special attention.

With best wishes for the New Year,
William Rodham Clinton

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CONGRESSWOMAN SLAUGHTER CALLS ON SPEAKER GINGRICH TO APOLOGIZE TO FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In response to Speaker Newt Gingrich's characterization of the First Lady as "a bitch," revealed yesterday by CBS News, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY) called on Speaker Gingrich to apologize to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"Mr. Gingrich owes the First Lady an apology, and the women of America an explanation," said Slaughter.

"'Bitch' is a disgusting and degrading characterization, and certainly not one that should be used to describe the First Lady.

"It is an insult to every American woman, and a disgrace to the traditions of both the Presidency and the Speaker," said Slaughter. "I cannot imagine any other Speaker in the history of the House of Representatives describing the President's wife in such a manner."

"Hillary Rodham Clinton is not only our First Lady, she is a well respected legal professional, who is listed as one of the top 100 lawyers in the country," said Slaughter. "She is widely recognized for her compassion, and one of the most down-to-earth people I have ever known.

"I ask the new Speaker, what it is that makes Hillary Rodham Clinton a 'bitch'? Is it her intelligence? Her competence? Her compassion?

"This is a disappointing and disturbing way to start the new Congress," said Slaughter. "Mr. Gingrich should apologize immediately to the First Lady."

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Gingrich Attacks CBS After His Mother Reveals His 'Secret' Thoughts
Eds: LEADS throughout to RECAST and UPDATE with Gingrich comment, include his mother's age; note contents

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By JERRY MARKON= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Newt Gingrich denounced CBS News this morning for reporting his mother's confiding whisper about how he called Hillary Rodham Clinton "a bitch."

Kathleen Gingrich, 68, revealed her son's thoughts during an interview with Connie Chung at the family's home in Dauphin, Pa. According to a transcript released by CBS, Chung told Mrs. Gingrich the comment would be "just between you and me."

"I'm not going to argue with my mother today," Gingrich said hours before his swearing-in ceremony as House speaker.

"I think it is unprofessional and disreputable," Gingrich said on "CBS This Morning." "My mother is not a professional politician, she's not a national figure, she's not a millionaire television correspondent."

"I think it is disreputable for a national correspondent to say 'whisper it to me' and then put it on the air."

Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, said he has heard Gingrich describe Mrs. Clinton "as an extraordinarily able and talented woman" well-suited to be a senior policy adviser to the president.

Calls to CBS were not immediately returned today.

The interview is to be broadcast Thursday on "Eye To Eye With Connie Chung." The CBS transcript released Tuesday includes the following exchange:

Chung: Mrs. Gingrich, what has Newt told you about President Clinton?

Kathleen Gingrich: Nothing and I can't tell you what he said about Hillary.

Chung: You can't.

Kathleen Gingrich: I can't.

Chung: Why don't you just whisper it to me, just between you and me.

Kathleen Gingrich: "She's a bitch." About the only thing he ever said about her. I think they had some meeting, you know, and she takes over.

Chung: She does?

Kathleen Gingrich: Oh, yeah, but with Newty there, she can't.

A White House spokeswoman, Ginny Terzano, said: "We find that offensive. We absolutely expect more from the new Republican Congress and the speaker."

In other flaps with the White House, Gingrich recently called both Clintons "counter-culture McGovernicks" and claimed that a quarter of the White House staff had trouble getting security clearances because they had used drugs in the past five years. He later said he regretted that comment, which was denied by the White House.

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BC-US--GINGRICH-MOTHER

Gingrich won't comment on mother's 'bitch' remark

WASHINGTON, Jan 4 (Reuter) - The incoming Speaker of the House of Representatives said on Wednesday it was "disreputable" for a U.S. television network to air an interview in which his mother said he thinks first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is a "bitch."

Republican Congressman Newt Gingrich, who will become the Speaker later on Wednesday, made his remarks in an appearance on the "CBS This Morning" news programme when he was asked about another interview his mother gave the network.

In that interview with Kathleen Gingrich to be broadcast on Thursday on CBS-TV's "Eye To Eye with Connie Chung," Chung asked Mrs Gingrich, 68, what her son told her about President Bill Clinton. She answered: "The only thing he ever told me is that he's smart. That he's an intelligent man. That he's not very practical, but he's intelligent."

Then Mrs Gingrich added: "I can't tell you what he said about Hillary." According to a transcript, Chung persisted and said: "Why don't you just whisper it to me, just between you and me."

Mrs Gingrich replied: "'She's a bitch.' About the only thing he ever said about her..."

Gingrich, when asked about his mother's remarks, replied: "My mother's a simple woman who loves her son. It was disreputable for a national correspondent to say 'whisper it to me' and put it on the air.'"

The lawmaker told another network he would not contradict his mother in public.

"I have no comment on what, out of an eight hour conversation, might get blown out of proportion," Gingrich said on NBC's "Today" programme on the day he will be installed as the first Republican speaker during the first Republican-controlled U.S. Congress in 40 years.

"I'm not going to disagree with my mother in public and I don't have any clue how they got what they got," he said.

Candace Gingrich, the Republican lawmaker's stepsister who is gay, was less than adoring of him, saying she wasn't sure she could vote for him.

Asked if her being a lesbian was a source of friction between them, she said: "We've never actually spoken with each other about it...He's probably more embarrassed that I'm a Democrat."

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People in the news

By Cheryl Levenbrown

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MAMA ALWAYS SAID LIFE WAS LIKE ...

Kathleen ``Kit'' Gingrich always thought her son Newt would grow up to be a zoo curator. ``Now he has his zoo,'' she told C-SPAN. A less-cute comment from Mama Gingrich, however, may cause headaches for her son, who takes the oath Wednesday as speaker of the House. According to The Washington Post, in an interview with CBS' Connie Chung to air Thursday night, Gingrich's mom brings up the subject of Hillary Rodham Clinton. ``I can't tell you what he said about Hillary,'' Mom says. But after a little coaxing, she says her son's opinion of the first lady is ``She's a bitch.' About the only thing he ever said about her. I think they had some meeting, you know, and she takes over ... but with Newty there she can't.'' Gingrich's spokesman blamed the media.

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PATTI DAVIS' FUR PROTEST WON'T FLY IN D.C. PAPER

The Washington Times, declaring its family values, yanked a full-page anti-fur ad of a naked Patti Davis that had been scheduled to run in Wednesday's editions to greet the swearing-in of the new Republican Congress. The ``I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur'' ad for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals featured Ronald and Nancy Reagan's rebel daughter sitting cross-legged with a black puppy in her lap. According to PETA, the newspaper's advertising department had insisted on blacking out portions of the photograph, including Davis' partially exposed breast. ``With all the images that we see of violence in the media,'' a PETA spokeswoman said, ``we're very surprised that they wouldn't print this image that is really happy and compassionate.''

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NEW YEAR, SAME OLD TOM ARNOLD-BASHING

Roseanne, who really should be focusing on her wedding plans and maternityhood, still has a few more things to get off her ample chest about Tom Arnold. ``He never loved me,'' Roseanne tells The Advocate magazine, which gave her ``Person of the Year'' honors. ``I want my time and money back.'' She also tells the mag that she was terrified of her ex. ``I am lucky to be alive, both emotionally and physically. ... I heard about Nicole Simpson when I was in Europe, and I thought, `That could be me.' He's not a well man. He's the most vile human being in the world. ... Someday I will talk about how many punches I took in the face.'' Meanwhile, she and her ex-bodyguard, Ben Thomas, will be tying the knot on Valentine's Day, with a baby due in August. ``I said my goal is to be married 10 or more times. Ben is so cool that I might have to divorce him and marry him several times,'' she says, adding that she's learned from past mistakes. ``Oh, honey, there'll be prenuptial agreements up the ying-yang from henceforth.''

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WHAT A DRAG IT IS GETTING BOLD

RuPaul's career as ``America's drag-queen sweetheart'' is perking along merrily. ``I don't wanna be last year's queen,'' the ``blacktress'' tells Movieline. So in addition to working on a follow-up to 1993's ``Supermodel of the World'' album and an autobiography (``Lettin' It All Hang Out,'' due in June), the gender-bender carved out some big-screen time with roles in ``To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar'' (starring Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes and John Leguizamo as cross-country cross-dressers) and the upcoming ``Brady Bunch'' movie. ``The day before I read for the part'' of Jan Brady's guidance counselor, Ru tells the magazine, ``I rehearsed it with an accent, sorta like Cloris Leachman's in `Young Frankenstein.' But then they told me to read it like a real woman and I got the part! ... First and foremost, first and always, my idol was and is Miss Diana Ross. She's someone who came up against adversity and just said, `Uh-uh.''' Go, girl!

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Rhymes With Rich . . .

■ The mother of Newt Gingrich—who will be anointed speaker of the House this very day—tells CBS's Connie Chung in an interview airing tomorrow night that her son thinks Hillary Clinton is "a bitch."

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And Mom finally blurts out: "She's a bitch." About the only thing he ever said about her. I think they had some meeting, you know, and she takes over . . . but with Newt there she can't."

Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley said that Chung took advantage of a person not savvy in the ways of the media. "It would be appropriate for 'Hard Copy,'" Blankley said.

White House spokeswoman Ginny Terzano, in Little Rock with the president, said last night: "It's offensive. I don't think the American people want the leaders of the new Congress and the new speaker to start off this year with name-calling."



Candid Mom Gingrich: She lets the catty comments out of the bag.



Papa and daughter Cooke, all smiles.

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With Mary Alma Welch

The Washington Post
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The Washington Post
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By Lois Romano

WE'VE HEARD THAT...

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■ A CNBC spokesman confirmed yesterday that the cable network has resumed talks with White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers to host "Equal Time," a weekday talk show, with Mary Matalin. While some industry sources believe it's a done deal, the network spokesman said last night, "She said she would get back to us after the holidays and she has not."

■ The folks at the Potomac Mills Ikea, feeling a bit sorry for the downtrodden Dems around town today, are offering a free Swedish meatball lunch to anyone who can show proof that he is a registered Democrat. And to make them feel even better, the store will show throughout the day the videotape of the Lloyd Bentsen-Dan Quayle debate in which Bentsen lectured Quayle that he was "no Jack Kennedy."

■ For the next 24 hours and some, Olympia Snowe, sworn in today as a U.S. senator from Maine, and husband "Jock" McKernan Jr., who steps down as Maine governor tomorrow night, will be the



Candid Mom Gingrich; Snowe & McKernan, power couple; Bruce and Melissa tie the knot.

nation's most powerful elected couple. So what are they going to do with all this power? "Probably pack boxes," Snowe joked to us. McKernan will start his own economic development firm aimed at helping businesses move to the state. They will continue to have a commuter marriage.

■ Robert Shapiro, O.J. Simpson's flamboyant lawyer, sent \$32 bottles of Bijan DNA cologne as a gag Christmas gift to members of the media and others. The New York Daily News reports that other members of the defense team were not amused.

■ On-again, off-again pair Melissa Gilbert and Bruce Boxleitner were on enough on New Year's Day to tie the knot in a private ceremony. The two, who went through a very public breakup last year, married at the Los Angeles

mansion of Gilbert's mother, her publicist said. Both were back at work yesterday, Gilbert on NBC's "Sweet Justice" and Boxleitner in the syndicated series "Babylon 5."

■ Irish playwright Oscar Wilde was honored in London yesterday by actor Sir John Gielgud, who unveiled a plaque in the West End theater district. "He was a brilliant and witty man," Gielgud said of the flamboyant Wilde, who died penniless and disgraced because of controversy surrounding his homosexuality.

■ George Mitchell, who officially leaves office today, will become a special counsel with the Washington law firm of Verner, Lippert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand next week. The outgoing Senate majority leader is still considered the leading candidate to become the next commissioner of major league baseball—if the strike ever ends.



Swearing In Newt, Not Swearing at Him

■ When Newt Gingrich is sworn in today as the first Republican speaker of the House in 40 years, the oath of office will be administered by the man who will no doubt be one of the biggest thorns in Gingrich's side in the coming two years: Democratic Rep. John Dingell, considered the "dean" of the House of Representatives as its most senior member.

Thanks to the GOP takeover of the House in the November election, Dingell, 68 and a Democrat for 39 years, is relinquishing his position as omnipotent chairman of the House Commerce Committee. In the past, written Gingrich a tough task, complaining how the House is being treated under the

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DOONESBURY

By G.B. Trudeau

HERE'S A TECHNICAL INQUIRY, MARK! "DEAR DOONESBURY: HOW DO YOU GET THAT WAY COOL SHADING EFFECT? THINE, DAVID IN DES MOINES."



WELL, DAVID, THE SHORT ANSWER IS PATIENCE! EACH DOT IN AN AREA LIKE MARK'S SHIRT IS HAND DRAWN AND INKED IN ONE OF OUR OFFSHORE STUDIOS...



IT'S PAINSTAKING WORK, BUT THE GRAPHIC EFFECT IS SO STRIKING, WE THINK IT'S WORTH THE EXTRA TROUBLE AND COST!



UNLESS, OF COURSE, THEY SHAPE THE KIRKING AREA.



WHICH NEVER HAPPENS!



Quote to Note

■ "Priorities would have to be decided, of course. Naturally, official victim status would need to be established, a grievance group founded, and letterheads designed. A suitable term for their minority would need to be determined even before their feet, or tentacles, or ambulatory hair follicles reached the ground from the craft. For instance, 'a of color' or 'non-color' if challenged.... At that it we



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Russia sends troops to crush rebels

By Jack Kelley
USA TODAY



SALVI By Chris Reddick, AP pool

Feds: Salvi could face death penalty

By Carol J. Castaneda
USA TODAY

Federal prosecutors are considering death penalty charges against the New Hampshire man suspected of killing two workers at Massachusetts abortion clinics.

"We are certainly analyzing all the options, one of which is the possibility that the crime committed in Massachusetts would carry the death penalty, if brought in federal court," says U.S. Attorney Donald Stern. Massachusetts does not have capital punishment.

Tuesday, a Virginia judge denied bail for John Salvi, 22, who is also charged with firing on a Norfolk, Va., clinic.

The judge ordered a preliminary hearing Jan. 24. A hearing also was being considered for Thursday on a Massachusetts extradition request.

Andrew Good, a criminal lawyer in Boston, says the federal government could charge Salvi under the law that protects access to abortion clinics, plus federal firearms laws.

Also Tuesday, a spokesman at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops said no decision has been made on whether to follow Cardinal Bernard Law's call to temporarily halt abortion protests at Boston-area clinics.

Russia dispatched fresh troops against Chechen rebels Tuesday, pledging to "go all the way" to crush the independence movement in the break-away region.

But rebel fighters in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, battled Russian forces in bitter hit-and-run skirmishes downtown.

Corpses of 100 Russian soldiers lay Tuesday in the streets between burned-out Russian tanks and vehicles, reports Russia's Interfax news agency.

In Moscow, talk grows of a final assault on Grozny, aimed at taking the capital within days.

Russia will "go all the way, to the end," says Viktor Ilyushin, closest aide to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in an interview with ITAR-Tass.

Moscow Evening News says troops will "snatch the initiative ... within hours," but warns of heavy casualties.

Says Mark Kramer, a Harvard University military expert monitoring the fighting:

"Expect a complete destruction, an obliteration, of Grozny and institution of (Russian) military rule," he says. "Things have gone much too far for Russia to back out."

Twenty truckloads of Russian arms and ammunition headed into Grozny Tuesday. Russian jets and helicopter gunships buzzed the city.

Grozny braced for a new tank attack. Chechen official Gleb Bunin urged residents to take shelter. Rebels secured the presidential palace.

"We are ready to fight anywhere, not only in the mountains, but even in Moscow," says Chechen Vice President Zelimkhan Yandarbiev. "This is a jihad," a holy war.

Chechen rebels, with outdated, even rusty knives and AK-47s, have held their ground against the Russian army.

Still, says Kramer, "they are drastically overpowered."

Hundreds of Chechens, civilians and Russian soldiers have been killed since Yeltsin sent 40,000 troops into the rebellious region Dec. 11.

► Russian army falters, 4A

► Memorials in Brookline, 6A

Newt's mom leaks view on Hillary

By Carrie Dowling
USA TODAY

So how does Newt Gingrich feel about the Clintons?

Bill is "intelligent," Hillary is "a bitch."

That's what the speaker's stepfather and mother say he told them.

On Thursday's Eye To Eye on CBS, Kathleen Gingrich, 68, is first coy about what "Newt" says of Hillary.

"I can't tell you," she says.

"Why don't you just whisper it to me?" says Connie Chung.

Gingrich confesses: "She's a bitch." About the only thing he ever said about her.

Robert Gingrich says the speaker told him Clinton is "smart.... He's not very practical, but he's intelligent."

Newt Gingrich could not be reached for reaction.

But White House spokeswoman Ginny Terzano calls the remark about Hillary Rodham Clinton "offensive."

Gingrich describes her boy as "reliable, dedicated, works hard. He's just lovable."

But stepsister Candace Gingrich, a lesbian, is less adoring.

Is her being gay an embarrassment for him? "He's probably more embarrassed that I'm a Democrat."

Execution OK'd though guilt is debated

By Tony Mauro
USA TODAY

Texas was set early today to execute Jesse Jacobs, whose appeals were rejected even though a prosecutor says he didn't commit the murder for which he was convicted.

Eric Ann Urdiales, but later recanted and accused his sister, Bobbie Hogan, of the murder. A jury convicted him anyway.

The prosecutor, at Hogan's trial, said, "Jacobs was telling the truth when he testified he did not in any way anticipate that the victim would be shot."

Hogan, who was dating Urdiales' husband, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and is still in prison.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales Tuesday said the verdict against Jacobs, whose long record includes another murder conviction, was fair because he "consented" to commit the murder.

In Texas, a participant in a capital crime faces the death penalty even if he didn't pull the trigger. Prosecutors argued Jacobs could be convicted as a triggerman or a conspirator.

State and federal courts denied Jacobs' appeal, which cited his sister's conviction. They said his jury's judgment should not be second-guessed.

The U.S. Supreme Court continued Monday and Tuesday.

Dissenting Justice John Paul Stevens said it is "unfair to execute a person on the basis of a factual determination that the state has formally disavowed."

Also dissenting: Ruth Ginsburg, and Stephen Breyer. Jacobs' lawyer, Robert McDuff, says, "No one is willing to come in and clean up the mess they created."

USA SNAPSHOTS®

A look at statistics that shape the nation

Clearing the air

Reduction in air pollutants caused by cleaner-burning gasoline developed between 1984 and 1993

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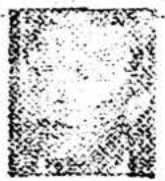
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For all the news focus on
Gingrich, a new CNN poll
yesterday found that 69
percent of Americans see
Dole as the leader of Re-
publicans in the 104th Con-
gress — only 14 percent
see Gingrich that way.

But most eyes today will
still be on the House, where
the Gingrich-led GOP
plans to push through a
host of reforms on a long
first day that is sure to run

By DEBORAH ORIN
and THOMAS GALVIN
Post Correspondents

well into the night

Being in charge of the
House is such a new role
for Republicans that they
had a dress rehearsal late
yesterday. And voters will
get a new view as the GOP
allows TV cameras wider
range to film Congress at
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Among the items on the
House GOP's first-day
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■ Making Congress sub-
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everyone else.

Mom: 'Newty' says Hillary is 'a bitch'

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HILLARY CLINTON
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Congress

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jority) to hike income
taxes.

■ Officially cutting com-
mittee staffs by one-third.

■ Authorizing an outside
audit of House books.

■ Limiting the time a
committee chairman can
serve to six years.

■ Barring proxy voting
in committees — so the
majority can't run the
show even when its mem-
bers don't show up.

■ Requiring committees
to meet in public — unless
national security is at
issue.

Senate rules make it
harder for the GOP to get
lots of things done right on
Day One, but Republicans
there also hope to quickly
pass a bill making Con-
gress subject to all laws.

In the next few weeks,
both the House and Senate
plan to work quickly on
passing a constitutional
amendment requiring a
balanced budget, try to
reach consensus on wel-
fare reform and find ways
to pay for a tax cut.

Overshadowed by the
GOP is President Clinton,
who today dedicates a Lit-
tle Rock school named in
his honor before returning
to Washington.

A camouflage-clad Clin-
ton went duck hunting yester-
day — and voiced sym-
pathy for the ducks,
though he shot two.

Clinton, considered by
some a bit of a lame duck
himself, noted that hunting
laws bar shooting at sit-
ting ducks and remarked:
"I identify with those little
ducks out there. I wish we
had the same rules in
Washington."

Frustrated Democrats,
still trying to regroup after
the November election mas-
sacre, were hunting for
ways to embarrass the
GOP.

They vowed to introduce
a gift ban for lawmakers,
in hopes of embarrassing
Republicans by forcing
them to kill it.

But as of last night,
Democrats and Republi-
cans appeared to have de-
cided to skip serious bomb-
throwing on Day One.

House Democrats said
they were inclined to delay
calls for an ethics probe of
Gingrich's book deal —
though some said that
could change if they don't
like the way the GOP runs
things today.