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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO WRITE WEEKLY COLUMN

In a speech to the American News Women's Club, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today announced that she will begin writing a weekly syndicated column. The First Lady's column will begin July 23, 1995.

The column will draw on Mrs. Clinton's experiences as First Lady and on her observations of women, children and families she has met across the country and around the world.

"This newspaper column presents a unique opportunity to share my experiences in the White House and as First Lady with the American people," Mrs. Clinton said.

Mrs. Clinton's column will be syndicated by Creators Syndicate. Creators Syndicate first approached Mrs. Clinton more than two years ago about writing a column. Founded in 1987, Creators is one of the largest newspaper syndicates in the world and distributes to 2,400 newspapers worldwide. The company represents more than 80 newspaper features, including columnist Ann Landers, former Vice President Dan Quayle, Mark Shields, Molly Ivins and Robert Novak; editorial cartoonists Herblock, Mike Luckovich and Doug Marlette; and cartoons such as B.C. and the Wizard of Id, by Johnny Hart.

"We are deeply honored to represent Hillary Rodham Clinton," said Richard S. Newcombe, president of Creators Syndicate. "She has extraordinary courage, intelligence and vision, and her fans number in the millions. We look forward to syndicating her newspaper column."

Mrs. Clinton will take no money for writing the column. Creators Syndicate will pay expenses associated with the writing and syndication of the column. Creators Syndicate will donate a significant portion of the proceeds to charities benefiting children.

Investor's Business Daily recently reported: "Creators has done what many experts on the syndicated column business were convinced was impossible. It has become the first successful independent syndicate in two decades, and only the second major independent founded since the 1930s."

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Selected Subscribers to the Hillary Rodham Clinton column as of July 19, 1995

According to the Newspaper Association of America, it is estimated that three people read each newspaper that is purchased -- "pass-along" copies. Assuming three readers per newspaper, Mrs. Clinton's column, titled "Talking It Over," will have a potential readership of 66 million.

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Herald Times Reporter, Manitowoc, WI

Tempe Daily News Tribune, Tempe, AZ

El Paso Herald Post, El Paso, TX

Video Guide, Bedford, MA

The Times, San Mateo, CA

Times-Leader, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dayton Daily News, Dayton, OH

St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL

Liberal Opinion Week, Vinton, IA

Akron Beacon Journal, Akron, OH

The Hillary Clinton Quarterly, Concord, NH

Evening Telegram, Superior, WI

Joon-Ang Daily News, Washington, DC

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July 28, 1995

Ms. Lisa Caputo
Press Secretary to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Lisa:

Here are several examples of how some major newspapers are playing Mrs. Clinton's first column. So far, the response has been terrific.

We have requested additional tear sheets, and as we receive them, we will be sure to forward them on to you.

Best regards,

Mike Santiago (L.S.)
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The First Lady's First Column

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Hillary Clinton's new column on her experiences as first lady will appear every Sunday, and there's only one place you'll find it in Chicago—the Sun-Times.

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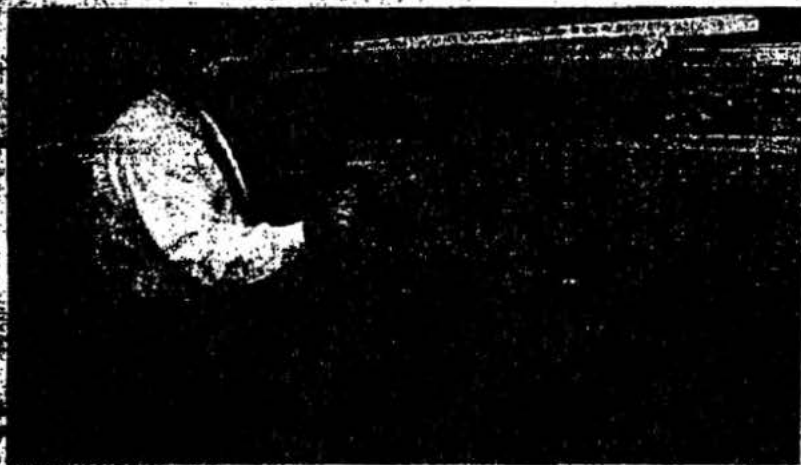
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Late Sports Final

FOR THE BUREAUCRATS

A solid-oak credenza that cost Chicago public schools about \$8,800 in labor



ROBERT A. DAVIS/SUN-TIMES

Robert A. Davis, an aide to the schools' new chief operating officer, Ben Reyes, shows the credenza as an example of the beleaguered system's wasteful spending in the past.

SCHOOLS CRACK DOWN ON FRILLS

Carpenters Made Furniture for Execs

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Two Sun-Times series in 1991 and earlier this year documented the chronic need for improved equipment and facilities.

FOR THE KIDS

Desk and chairs that are worn-out and scarred with graffiti

SMITH GUILTY OF MURDER

Jury to Decide Life or Death For S.C. Mom

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN

UNION, S.C. — Susan Smith knew what she was doing when she strapped her sons into her car and rolled it into a lake, and what she did was murder, a jury found after deliberating for more than 2 1/2 hours Saturday.

Smith ducked as the two verdicts were read and the jurors polled. Defense lawyer David Bruck put his arm around her.

Judge William Howard told the sequestered jury's nine men and three women to reconvene Monday for the "penalty phase" of the case to decide whether Smith will receive life in prison or execution in South Carolina's electric chair. The panel rejected a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter, which carries a sentence of up to five years in prison.

Prosecutor Tommy Pope said the penalty phase of the trial could last as long as a week. Bruck declined to say what evidence he will produce at the hearing.

"This is a very difficult case. It's a heartbreaking case. It's a terrible tragedy," Bruck said. He said he wasn't surprised by the verdict. Smith's sons, Michael, 7, and



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It took jurors less than three hours to find Susan Smith, 23, guilty of first-degree murder.

Alex, 1, vanished on Oct. 25. Their 23-year-old mother claimed for nine days that a kidnapper had abducted them. On Nov. 3, she confessed she let her car roll into the lake with the boys strapped to their car seats.

Prosecutors contended she killed them to eliminate an obstacle to a love affair, but defense lawyers called her act a failed suicide attempt by a woman with a history of emotional problems.

In closing statements earlier Saturday, both sides stressed Smith's state of mind.

The prosecution emphasized its claim that she made a conscious decision to drown the boys. "She had her hands over her ears so she could not hear those babies crying out her name," Pope said. His

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Coping With Wild Market

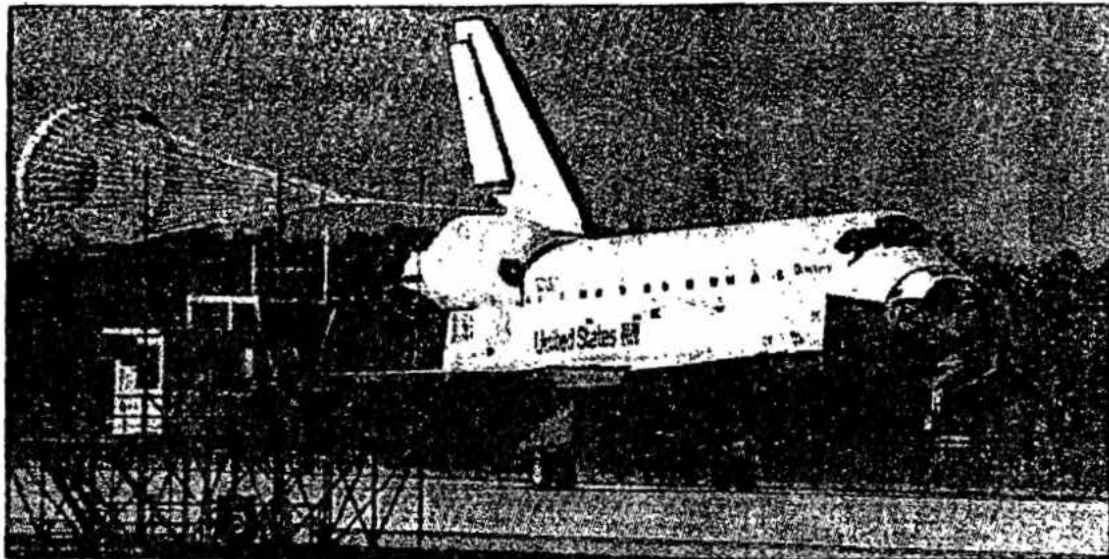
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Jordan's Set For Big Event

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We Camp Out With Bears

Sports Sunday



RAY YOST/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shuttle Finds Window to Land

The space shuttle Discovery and its five astronauts land Saturday at Kennedy Space Center in Florida after a weather delay. Officials debated whether its launching only six days

after the flight of another shuttle was enough time to check for problems. It wasn't until it was aloft four days that engineers discovered a problem from Atlantis' earlier flight.

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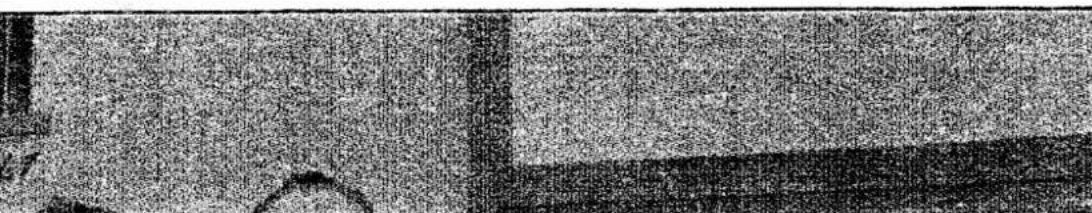
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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

'My Day': Life in a goldfish bowl

T HANK GOD, few people are so poor that they do not have an inner life which feeds the real springs of thought and action.

So, if I may offer a thought in consolation to others who for a time have to live in a "goldfish bowl," it is: "Don't worry because people know all that you do, for the really important things about anyone are what they are and what they think and feel, and the more you live in a 'goldfish bowl,' the less people really know about you!"

— Jan. 7, 1936

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

I HAVE no illusions about being a great speaker or a great writer, but I think in some of us there is an urge to do certain things, and if we did not do them, we would feel that we were not fulfilling the job which we had been given opportunities and talents to do.

Frequently, too, there is an objective approach to oneself in viewing one's activities. In much of my own life, for instance, I stand back and look at myself and think that

Polls continue to place Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) as the most-admired first lady of the 20th century. These are excerpts from her "My Day" newspaper columns, read daily by millions for 26 years and collected by Pharos Books, New York as "Eleanor Roosevelt's 'My Day.'"

isn't you as an individual, that is you as the personage you may happen to have to be for this period of time.

I imagine that comes from having been a shy child with very little personality and having become accustomed to do things because they were expected of me and not because I wanted to do them.

— Aug. 12, 1938

Guadalcanal

A FLAG waves over the cemetery. Someday grass will grow, palms will wave in the breeze and cast their shade over the white crosses and it will be peaceful here.

I think, however, the real memorial to show the love we bore for those who lie here must be built where we live by the way in which we make our lives count.

We must build up the kind of world for which these men died. They may never have put it into words, but I think they wanted a world where no one is hungry or in want for the necessities of life as they saw them.

— Sept. 16, 1943

Washington

THOSE of us who have lived in government houses knew that no government house is ever our own, nor is it ever a home.

For instance, I love the White House. It is a simple, dignified and beautiful government building. I take great pride in it, but it is not that intimate, personal thing — "my own home."

I am always glad to see my children in the White House, because unless I did, I would often miss opportunities for seeing them. But it is at home in our own house, in our surroundings that I really like to welcome them, for that is ours and we have an obligation only to our family and our own friends there.

It is a curious thing which is often stressed in electing man to office in this country, we naturally do not elect his wife or his children to office, yet some people think that there is something very glamorous and enviable in this rather anomalous position, in which you have certain responsibilities, pleasures and privileges imposed upon you through somebody else's position.

You may find a woman living in the White House who has no interest in public affairs and yet, willy-nilly, she must live there and she must entertain very often for no reason except that her husband is in public office.

Many a shy and retiring child, I am sure, has suffered from being pointed out as the child of a president, or even as the grandchild.

No one will deny that there are great opportunities to be the relative of a man in public life.

It is useful in assisting those throughout the United States who need help; it is also useful in meeting people of outstanding interest. Nevertheless, there are a considerable number of drawbacks.

— Sept. 22, 1942

New York

WHEN I come across clippings in which the writers worry about the effect upon an American family who find themselves living in the White House for many years, I always want to suggest to them that some things are a great honor, some things are very beautiful: you admire them and you appreciate the opportunities they offer you.

Never for a moment, however, no matter how long you enjoy them, do they give you the comfort and pleasure of your own home, your own things and your own personal life with which no one has a right to interfere.

— Feb. 10, 1945

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The first lady enters the fourth estate

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TO OUR READERS

■ Today we join more than 100 newspapers worldwide in offering readers a new weekly column by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

We know it will have wide appeal, but also that it will be controversial, with some ascribing motives to us of giving preference to liberals or to Bill Clinton's expected re-election campaign.

Our decision to run the column is based on three factors: (1) Hillary Clinton will have something to say that many of our readers will find worthwhile; (2) she will not use the column to blatantly advance her husband's campaign or put a consistently positive spin on his performance in office; (3) we will continue our commitment to provide readers a diverse range of political views from a wide cast of writers.

The column will appear on Sundays the first few weeks, but might move to another spot afterward.

As with all the columns we buy, we will use some and throw away others, depending upon how well they compete with other writings available for selection.

Let us know what you think about Hillary Clinton's column. Send your thoughts either to Letters to the Editor or to me at 345 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

RONALD D. CLARK
Editorial Page Editor

Here's opportunity to talk things over, first

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July 9, 1996

Lisa Caputo
Press Secretary
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The White House
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Dear Ms. Caputo:

For sometime now we have carried Mrs. Clinton's fine commentary column and have considered it an important part of the palate of opinion we try to present each day. However, with the approaching political season we feel it is best that we discontinue the column during the campaign. So today we notified Creators Syndicate that we are canceling the column effective September 1.

I am writing you to advise you of our decision, to reassure you it has nothing to do with the quality of the column and to thank you for the opportunity to share it with our readers. After the election we will reconsider the decision to cancel.

Sincerely,



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