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FACT SHEET

Walden/Sierra 13th Annual Fundraiser and Roast
Friday, November 12, 1999
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

THEME OF EVENT: KKT is Guest of Honor at the Walden/Sierra Fundraiser and the "roasted" one. Dr. Maggie O'Brien is Mistress of Ceremony.

ROLE: Remarks (5-8 minutes)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: 300+

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LOCATION: Cedar Point Officers' Club
Patuxent River

APPROPRIATE DRESS: Cocktail Dress

VIP WILL BE POSITIONED: KKT will be seated in front of the audience at the podium table.

DIGNITARIES: St. Mary's Co. Commissioners, local judges, Sen. Roy Dyson, Newly appointed Judge Slade (former delegate).

BACKGROUND: The funds raised go directly to support a variety of programs including the Runaway Shelter, Domestic Violence Services, Student Assistance program and HotSpots initiative. Past "roastees" have included Steny Hoyer, Ted Lewis, Joe Marion Gough, and Mary Catherine Bell.

DETAILED AGENDA: See attached.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Local papers

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ATTACHMENTS:

Agenda, Invitation, newspaper article on the event, Walden Sierra Budget, Mission Statement.

DIRECTIONS:

From the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in Hollywood, take Rt. 235 toward Lexington Park to Pax River. Make left into Main Gate to base. Follow main road about 4 miles to Officers' Club.

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professional services.

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Where Did We Get Our Name?

Walden - We started in the woods staffed with Vista
volunteers and were named for Henry David
Thoreau's commentary on essential living.

Sierra - Our Residential program was named by the
youth after hearing a familiar operating principal of
Dr. O'Brien's, "It's not the mountains ahead that
wear you down, it's the sand in your shoes."

*We are dedicated to dumping the sand
and preparing people for the journey.*

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Ken Farquhar
President, Board of Directors

INVOCATION

Reverend Rona Harding
Church of the Ascension

WALDEN OVERVIEW & PRESENTATIONS

Kathleen O. O'Brien, Ph.D.
Executive Director

ROAST

J. Margaret O'Brien, Ph.D., Roast ^{Master}
President of St. Mary's College

ROASTERS

Benjamin C. Bradlee
Delegate John F. Wood, Jr.
J. Frank Raley
and some "surprises"

REBUTTAL

Lieutenant Governor
Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

TRIBUTE & TOAST

Youth of St. Mary's

KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND

Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend's core mission is to make Maryland's communities safer, stronger, and more prosperous with innovative, effective answers to the State's most critical challenges. She sought to draw citizens into the search for solutions, engage their best efforts, and get results.

As Maryland's crime czar, the designer of a nationwide model child and family services strategy, a champion for service and volunteerism, and the guiding force behind the State's economic development strategy, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend has sought to engage the best energies of citizens, cut through ideological debates and focus on results. Vice President Al Gore said that "Kathleen has done more for her state than most Governors."

Recognizing that strong, healthy communities grow from strong, healthy families, Lt. Governor Townsend has redesigned Maryland's children and family services to enable local communities to work together to meet the specific needs of families. To help parents spend more time with their children, she helped lead the search for answers to many parents' juggle between work and family, and held a national summit to draw attention to proven solutions. Lt. Governor Townsend also began one of the first statewide character education initiatives in the country, to reinforce parents' efforts to teach their children our shared values and ideals. "Every child has the ability and the responsibility to make the world around them a better place," Lt. Governor Townsend said. "They have a hero inside them. We have an obligation to offer them the tools they need to become those heroes."

Before becoming Lt. Governor, Mrs. Townsend served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the US Department of Justice; made Maryland the first State in the country to include a high school community service requirement as the founder and executive director of the Maryland Student Service Alliance; chaired the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial foundation and founded the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award; serves on the board of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; and taught at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC), and at Essex and Dundalk Community Colleges.

The eldest child of Robert and Ethel Kennedy, Lt. Governor Townsend lives in Baltimore County with her husband, David, a professor at St. John's College in Annapolis. They have four daughters, Meaghan (21) Maeve (19), Kate (15), and Kerry (7).

Walden/Sierra, Inc.

As Walden/Sierra ends its third decade of providing Human Services to the citizens of Maryland, we stand to meet the challenges that face us in the next millennium. In keeping with our tradition of helping the most vulnerable populations, we have expanded our services to provide a comprehensive array of programs.

Crisis Services

24-hour Hotline

part of a state-wide Hotline network

Walk-in crisis intervention services

Street Outreach

Counseling Services

Child Sexual Abuse

Substance Abuse Therapy

Domestic Violence

Family Services

Rape Crisis

Children First

Shelter Services

Kathy Lawrence Adolescent Shelter for youth in crisis

Sierra House - Residential treatment center for adolescent girls

Shelter Services for abused or homeless women and their children

Prevention Services

We work cooperatively with other county agencies to provide prevention and education programs to our citizens.

Walden/Sierra, Inc.

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November 12



WALDEN/SIERRA, INC.

"Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow"

Kathleen O. O'Brien, Ph.D.
Executive Director

23130 Moakley Street Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

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September 22, 1999

Ms. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Lieutenant Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Kathleen:

Ecstatic is the word that best describes our Board, staff and community reaction to the news that you have agreed to be our Guest of Honor at our Walden/Sierra fundraiser on November 12, 1999.

It is our intention to "toast" you in honor of all the contributions your efforts as Lt. Governor have made in the lives of the families of St. Mary's County. Walden/Sierra has been able to provide many innovative programs because of your work.

Dr. Maggie O'Brien will be the Mistress of Ceremony for this wonderful event. We have met and can assure you that there will be no "shenanigans"!

We are grateful for your generous and gracious acceptance of our invitation and look forward to having you and your family in Southern Maryland for this fun evening of celebration.

Warm Regards,

Kathy

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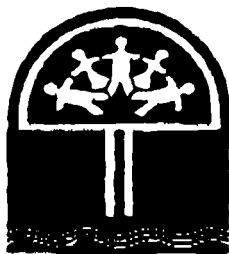


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Saturday, November 13



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Executive Director

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"Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow"

23130 Moskley Street Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

May 27, 1999

Ms. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Lieutenant Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Lt. Governor Townsend:

In appreciation of your leadership and tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of Southern Maryland, the Walden/Sierra Board of Directors would like to honor you at our Annual Walden/Sierra Roast. The funds raised at this event go directly to support a variety of programs including our Runaway Shelter, our Domestic Violence Services, our Student Assistance program and our HotSpots initiative. The event is always at St. Mary's county favorite, due in large part to our "Roastee's" who in the past have included Congressman Steny Hoyer, Ted Lewis, Joe Marion Gough, and Mary Catherine Bell. This year, Dr. Maggie O'Brien has agreed to be our Mistress of Ceremony. As you can see, you'll be in good company!

The tentative date is the evening of Saturday, November 13, 1999 at the Cedar Point Officers' Club. However, if you are unavailable, we will work to accommodate your busy schedule. We will check with your office to confirm your acceptance and available dates as well as answer any questions you may have about the Roast.

So that you can get an idea of what the evening entails, I have enclosed a program copy from our Roast honoring Congressman Hoyer. I look forward to talking with you soon and remember, we promise to only toast and not burn you!

Sincerely,

Anne Bell

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Chairman, Special Events

*The entire St. Mary's Community
will be honored if you accept
our invitation to be our Roastee!
Kathy*

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Kennedy Townsend to Be Guest Of Honor at Annual Roast

SMC's O'Brien Will Preside Over Evening's Festivities

This year Walden/Sierra will have Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend as its guest of honor at the 13th annual roast. St. Mary's College President Maggie O'Brien will preside over the festivities. Friends will lightly "roast" the lieutenant governor and warmly "toast" her contributions.

"Under the leadership of the lieutenant governor, the issues of great concern to Walden/Sierra — poverty, substance abuse, domestic violence, safe communities, children

at risk — have been moved to the forefront through action, not just rhetoric. She seeks solutions, involves people at all levels and creates ways that policy quickly becomes practice in our communities, for our families," said Executive Director Kathleen O'Brien. "Her inspiration and energy are contagious. To watch her in action is to experience an education in character."

The proceeds from the roast go directly to the homeless youth

served by Walden/Sierra. The young people in its runaway shelter often come only with the shirts on their backs. Funding is limited, so the roast provides for clothing and shoes, provides recreational supplies and ensures a festive holiday season.

The 13th annual benefit roast is being held on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Cedar Point Officers' Club. Tickets are \$60 and may be obtained by calling 301-997-1318. Reservations are requested by Friday, Nov. 5.



St. Mary's College President Maggie O'Brien will preside over festivities during this year's Walden/Sierra roast.

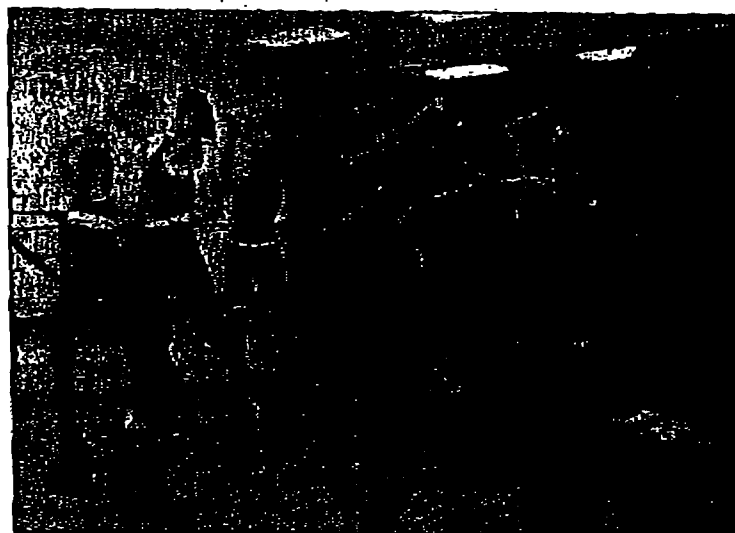
Master Classes Offered On Modern Dance

The Southern Maryland Modern Dance Collective and Calvert County Parks and Recreation will sponsor two master classes in modern dance technique on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7 and Dec. 4 and 5. The Saturday sessions will be held from noon to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Southern Community Center in Lusby.

The instructor will be Ludovic Jolivet, a dancer and choreographer from the highly acclaimed D.C. dance company CityDance Ensemble. The class is intended for students ages 13 and older with prior dance training. The fee is \$15 per class or \$25 for the weekend session. Space is limited, so advanced registration is recommended. To

explored and members are encouraged to choreograph and present their own works. The Dance Collective provides educational and performance opportunities for dancers within the community and hosts modern dance companies from Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach and Pittsburgh.

Carol Tester (artistic director, the Southern Maryland Modern Dance Collective) has an extensive dance background with significant accomplishments extending back to 1962. She has studied with dozens of professional dance companies since the early 1970s, concentrating mostly on various modern dance techniques, most notably including Alvin Nikolli, Clay Taliaferro, Vanoy Atkins, Erik Hawkins, Rolf



Ludovic Jolivet of CityDance Ensemble leads the Southern Maryland Modern Dance Collective in learning "Jitter."

selected to participate in the "Kennedy Center And School: Changing Education Through the Arts." Tester has written dance cur-

riculum for its "Raw, Edgy Talent," performs a diverse repertory centered on its philosophy of creating works that are "trusting

Garden 1 For a Ha

Annmarie Garden presents first Tales for a Haunted event, to be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is free to all visitors. A safe trick treat held during daylight hours. Treats are being received by viable organizations, business outreach programs within the communication. No tickets are required. Admission is free.

"Tales for a Haunted Trail really shaped up nicely for a 1 run event of this nature in county," said Jennifer Draxton, director of the event. The garden host almost 60 businesses, organizations, outreach programs, who have signed up to participate. Each of these entities will place along the wooded paths of the garden and personalize the particular space in a Halloween mode. Visitors will walk the path pathway, trick-or-treating as they stop along the way, receive candy or goodies from each participant.

Tales will also host the melody of Christine Zizza who sings mindful lyrics over luscious chords, giving her a quality all her own. In addition, Sunshine's Caring Co. will be on hand to feed those hungry ghosts and goblins. Haunted storytelling will be told: The Council Ring by Charlotte Smith of Lethian from noon to p.m. and Halloween stories will be read by Ruth Carnegie of Lush

Walden/Sierra, Inc.

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Grant Funding

<u>Source</u>	<u>State Funding</u>	<u>Federal Funding</u>	<u>Local Funding</u>
Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Admin. - outpatient	\$ 546,675	\$193,965	
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Admin. - residential	7,382	162,867	
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Admin - ICF	600,000.		
HIV Education			\$ 4,200
Dept. of Human Resources			
CSA - Office of Trans. Svcs - dom.viol.	80,000		
CSA - Office of Trans. Svcs - sexual assault	74,259		
CSA - Office of Trans. Svcs - homeless	67,241		
Victims of Crime - domestic violence		23,485	
Victims of Crime - child abuse		32,354	
Purchase of Service Fees - residential	247,065		
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prev.			
Bryne Diversion Project		141,393	
Hot Spots - addictions & victim services		50,613	
Violence Against Womens Act - advocate		21,553	
Youth/Community Development		850	
Department of Health & Human Services			
ACYF - Street Outreach		105,572	10,557
ACYF - Runaway & Homeless Youth		100,000	10,000
Department of Justice			
Juvenile Justice - purch of svcs - res.	247,065		
Local Management Board			
Return Diversion Project	42,309		
St. Mary's County Government			<u>174,481</u>
TOTAL	\$1,911,996	\$832,652	\$199,238

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HISTORY

Walden/Sierra was established to provide general crisis intervention, substance abuse treatment and mental health support services to the citizens of St. Mary's County. Through the years we have evolved from a minimally staffed alternative service program to a large and nationally recognized agency. Yet, we have retained our original commitment to identifying underserved populations, and to developing a variety of innovative and cost-effective programs which can meet their special needs.

Staffing - Caring professionals - psychologists, social workers, counselors, and addiction specialists, committed to helping people understand and resolve conflicts and problems associated with drug abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, family dysfunction, adolescent adjustment, suicide and other mental health crisis situations.

Organization - A non-profit corporation under the direct supervision of a Board of Directors operating in county buildings under the auspices of the St. Mary's County Commissioners.

Funding - Funded by St. Mary's County Government, State and Federal grants. Clients are charged fees based on State sliding fee scales. Crisis intervention services are provided free of charge. Sierra House residents must be eligible for Social Service, Juvenile Justice, or Mental Health fee for service contracts to pay the non-grant funded portion of costs. Tax deductible donations are accepted by all programs.

Licensure - Licensed by the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration and the Department of Human Resources, Social Services Administration.

CRISIS SERVICES

- Providing professional intervention, referral and assistance to anyone in need
- 24 hour hotline, walk-in crisis intervention services
- Rape crisis and sexual assault emergency assistance
- Emergency shelter beds for children and adolescents and victims of domestic violence
- Outreach

PREVENTION SERVICES

Prevention/Education presentations to promote healthy adjustments and prevent substance abuse, AIDS, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, suicide and other dysfunctional behaviors. Available to any group or individual in St. Mary's County.

*Professional Speakers Bureau

*Training Seminars

ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION/REFERRALS

Professional assessment, evaluations and referral process to help clients clarify problems and issues, to identify needed services and to develop appropriate treatment planning and goals.

COUNSELING SERVICES

A comprehensive multi-services approach with the goal of providing short term, solution oriented treatment for individuals, couples and families who are facing a crisis in their lives. Specialized service areas include:

Domestic Violence

*Individual, group, family and couples therapy provided to victims of domestic violence and their families. Group counseling for batterers is available.

*Advocacy and accompaniment to help clients obtain necessary services and meet their basic needs for housing, food, medical care and employment.

Victims of Sexual Assault/Abuse

- *Individual, group, family and couples therapy provided to child victims, adult rape victims and adults molested as children.
- *Medical accompaniment and advocacy services.

Substance Abuse

- *Individual, group, family and couples therapy provided to assist those troubled by substance abuse and to provide support services to family members.
 - *Intensive Outpatient services
 - *Relapse prevention services
- The full range of service is available to referrals for DWI evaluation/assessment.
- *DWI/MVA Education/Treatment Services
 - *26 week DWI treatment program
 - *12 hour education program
 - *3 hour education program for new license applicants

CHILDREN FIRST

Individual and group services for troubled children and adolescents with support services for family members.

- *Adolescent Education/Therapy groups
- *Adolescent Relapse Prevention group
- *Adolescent Alcohol Citation group
- *Children of Domestic Violence group
- *Children/Adolescent victims of Sexual Assault/Abuse.
- *Children Cope with Divorce, Rollercoasters, For Kids' Sake

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

- *Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP) - Counselors work with school based teams to assess high risk youth.
- *Juvenile Court Assessors
- *Hotspots Initiative

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Kathy Lawrence Adolescent Shelter - provides short term emergency shelter for 6 youths.

Sierra House - Therapeutic Group Home/Residential Treatment Center for 14 adolescent girls who have a history of substance abuse and adjustment problems.

Shelter Service for Women - provides crisis stabilization and emergency shelter services for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence.

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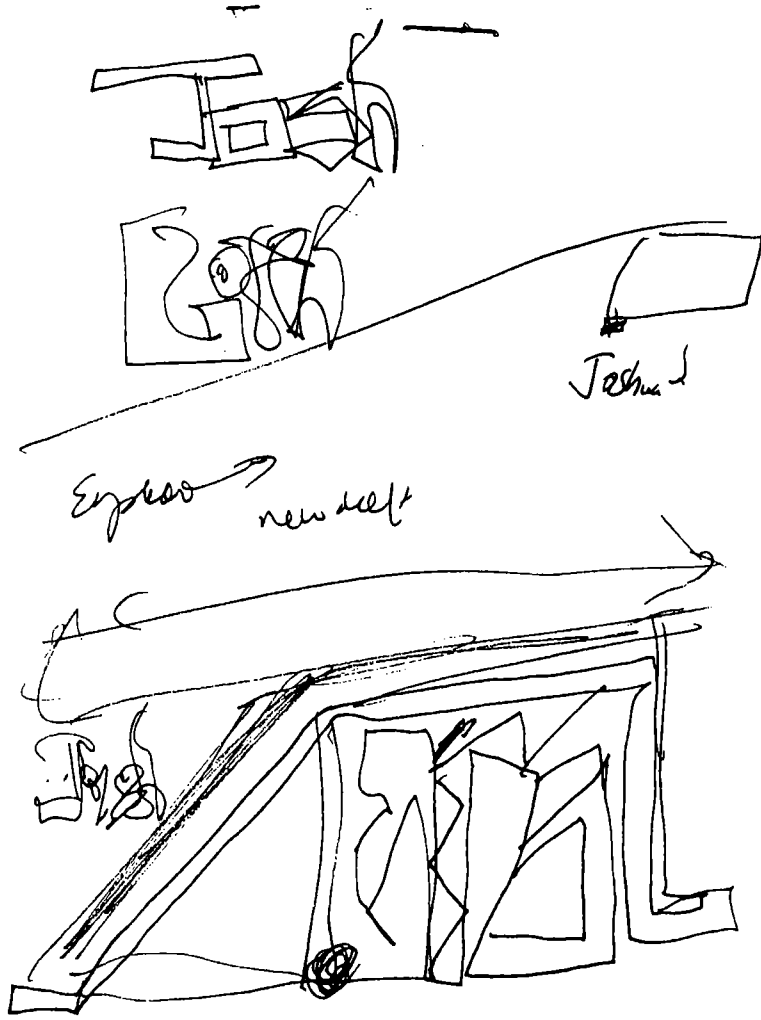
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**BETTY CURRIE
REMARKS FOR KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND DINNER
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
November 12, 1999**

This is a surprise toast for me as well as it is for you, Lt. Governor. So I'll make it mercifully brief.

I'm so glad to have the opportunity to say a few words about somebody I've been so lucky to get to know over the years.

I have a pretty small office in the White House, but there are a lot of objects of interest. There's the view of the Rose Garden. The federal period mirror with the gilded eagle. Photos of the President's trips abroad. The occasional visitor is usually drawn to these objects.

Not Kathleen. She focuses on two things: The stack of book^s on my desk that's headed in for the President's personal reading – and the bowl of candy that sits on the edge of my desk. The Lieutenant Governor has a voracious appetite for both.

In fact, every time she visits I have to gently remind her: Kathleen, you can take the candy, but you we're not giving away the books.

No, seriously, one of the great thrills of my job is having the opportunity to meet leaders of great stature. It is a particular pleasure when they conduct themselves with the grace, openness and sheer joy of Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. It is that warmth and spirit which guides her work for the people of Maryland – and drives her dedication to the important causes of our time. Tonight's event is but one example of that commitment. Walden-Sierra is an organization that is very dear to my heart, to my husband's, and to the many individuals in my community who care deeply about the future of our nation's children.

So Kathleen, I want to thank you for being a first-rate Lieutenant Governor and such a good friend to all of us – and a great friend to the President and the First Lady.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND



KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND, *Lieutenant Governor*
(Democrat)

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Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Maryland's first woman lieutenant governor, has made it her mission to build safe communities across the state through a comprehensive strategy that targets high-risk offenders, reclaims high-risk neighborhoods, protects and supports victims, and prevents youth violence, drug use, and gangs. The backbone of the strategy is to create new partnerships between citizens, police, the business and religious communities, and public agencies. To develop and oversee the State's anti-crime efforts, Governor Parris N. Glendening appointed her Chair of the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, which consists of nine cabinet secretaries and the Attorney General.

Through the work of the Cabinet Council and a series of 15 regional crime summits she held across Maryland, Lt. Governor Townsend developed the first statewide initiative in the nation that systematically targets "hotspots," specific places that account for the lion's share of crime. Hailed by U.S. Attorney General Reno as a national model, the Maryland HotSpot Communities Initiative pulls together previously scattered government agency operations and grant funds to target 36 high-crime and at-risk neighborhoods across the state with an unprecedented array of resources for community policing, probation enforcement, nuisance abatement, youth violence prevention, and community mobilization.

Mrs. Townsend spearheaded the establishment of Operation Maryland Cease Fire and the Maryland Community Policing Academy. Cease Fire is the first State Police unit to target illegal gun traffickers. Since its inception in 1995, the unit has confiscated hundreds of assault weapons and other illegal firearms, and closed a gun store that sold weapons traced to a dozen murders. Also a national first, the Maryland Community Policing Academy trains police and citizens together to build the mutual trust that enables communities to shut down open-air drug markets and make lasting reductions in crime and fear.

Lt. Governor Townsend also is working to strengthen the juvenile justice system, ensuring that violent juveniles are prosecuted as adults, while holding first-time and minor offenders accountable for their actions. She helped craft and secure passage of legislation that changes the mission of Maryland's juvenile courts to emphasize public safety and offender accountability, as well as help juveniles become responsible citizens. Other measures require that courts deliver swift sanctions and police notify schools when they arrest students for major offenses. In addition, they place juvenile probation officers inside at-risk schools, and increase the amount of restitution juveniles pay their victims.

Mrs. Townsend has strengthened the adult criminal justice system as well. She and Governor Glendening sponsored legislation to reduce delays in applying the death penalty and instituted a new policy of refusing

to grant parole to offenders sentenced to life in prison. The Lt. Governor also is expanding the use of cost-effective intermediate punishments, such as boot camps and home detention for nonviolent offenders. Her Break-the-Cycle Initiative is an unprecedented statewide effort to cut drug-related crime by targeting drug-addicted offenders on probation and parole. These offenders are subject to frequent drug testing and escalating sanctions for each failed test as a way to motivate them to stay in treatment and remain drug- and crime-free.

Along with key legislators, Mrs. Townsend also led the campaign to tighten Maryland's drunk driving laws, working to pass legislation that makes it easier to convict motorists caught driving with blood-alcohol levels of .10 or above.

While tough enforcement and punishment are essential, Mrs. Townsend strongly believes that prevention must be an equal priority. Through the Cabinet Council, she crafted legislation to increase teachers' authority to remove disruptive students from the classroom and establish a statewide student Code of Discipline. Mrs. Townsend created the first state Character Education Office in the nation so schools can help parents teach their children core values, such as honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, and other ethical behavior. She also has quadrupled the amount of the state's grant funding for after-school activities for high-risk youth.

As the official responsible for administering the federal Violence Against Women Act in Maryland, and as Co-Chair of the Maryland Family Violence Council, along with state Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Mrs. Townsend is overseeing legal and policy changes needed to protect victims of domestic violence, hold abusers accountable, and break the cycle of violence between generations. Legislation recommended by the Council has strengthened civil protection orders and other safeguards for victims.

Before becoming Lt. Governor, Mrs. Townsend served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice. She was responsible for a budget of over a billion dollars to support local law enforcement and establish community policing programs across the country.

Committed to providing quality education for all citizens, Mrs. Townsend has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and Essex and Dundalk Community Colleges. She was the first Executive Director of the Maryland Student Service Alliance, a public-private partnership she founded with the State Department of Education to inspire young people to serve their communities. Under her leadership, Maryland became the first state in the nation to require that all high school students perform community service. The Alliance also launched Civic Works, an urban service corps which puts young adults to work while teaching critical job skills.

In addition, Mrs. Townsend, a long-time advocate for children and families, served as Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Children, Youth, and Families Systems Reform in 1996, and currently chairs the External Advisory Board of the Kennedy-Krieger Institute's Early Infant Transition Center. She is a life-long champion of environmental conservation and a strong proponent of international trade and economic development. In all these areas, the Lt. Governor has been actively involved, privately and professionally, publishing articles in the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Ladies Home Journal*, the *Washington Monthly*, and in several law reviews. Mrs. Townsend is the founder of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, the former Chair of the Board of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, and serves on the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. She was elected Chair of the nation's Democratic Caucus of Lt. Governors. She is founding Chair of the Board of Advisors of Maryland's Character Education Initiative, and past Chair of the Peabody Institute Oversight Committee. Mrs. Townsend serves on the national Board of Advisors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EX-IM Bank), The Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International

Studies (SAIS), and the Institute of Human Virology of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Women's Policy Research, and the Board of Partners of Radcliffe College.

Born on July 4, 1951, Mrs. Townsend is the eldest child of the late Senator and U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and Mrs. Ethel S. Kennedy. Mrs. Townsend is a cum laude graduate of Harvard University and a graduate of the University of New Mexico Law School, where she was an editor of the law review. She has received many honorary degrees. Mrs. Townsend lives in Baltimore County with her husband, David, a professor at St. John's College in Annapolis, and two of their four daughters, Kate (15), and Kerry (7). Her oldest daughters, 21-year-old Meaghan and 19-year-old Maeve are in their senior and sophomore years of college.

Signature Initiatives of Lt. Governor

KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland since 1995.

Member, Governor's Executive Council, 1995-. Chair, Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, 1995-. Co-Chair, Maryland Family Violence Council, 1995-. Chair, State House Trust, 1995-. Chair, Peabody Institute Oversight Committee, 1995-96. Chair, Task Force on Affiliation between Historic St. Mary's City Commission and St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1996. Chair, Governor's Task Force on Children, Youth, and Families Systems Reform, 1996. Member, Maryland Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families, 1998-. Chair, Task Force to Study Increasing the Availability of Substance Abuse Programs, 1998-. Chair, Advisory Board on After-School Opportunity Programs, 1999-. Chair, Governor's Year 2000 Public Information Task Force, 1999-.

Senior advisor, Appropriations Committee, House of Delegates, 1984-85. Assistant attorney general, Maryland, 1985-86. Member, Economic Development Commission, Baltimore County, 1987. Executive Director, Maryland Student Service Alliance, State Department of Education, 1987-93. Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1993-94.

Born in Greenwich, Connecticut, July 4, 1951. Harvard University, B.A. (history & literature), cum laude; University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D., 1978. Attorney. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1988, 1996. Chair, Democratic Caucus of Lt. Governors. Board of Advisors, Export-Import Bank of the United States (EX-IM Bank); Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), The Johns Hopkins University; Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Board of Directors, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; National Institute for Women's Policy Research. Chair, External Advisory Board, Early Infant Transition Center, Kennedy-Krieger Institute. Board of Partners, Radcliffe College.

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Signature Initiatives

Student Service

Prior to taking office, Lt. Governor Townsend developed the nation's first and only statewide mandatory student service program to ensure that children learn the habits of citizenship and civic involvement. In 1997, the first graduating class of Maryland high school students completed the 75 hours of community service required for a diploma.

Character Education

Under the Lt. Governor's leadership, Maryland became the first state in the nation to establish a statewide Office of Character Education, so schools support parents in teaching children core values such as honesty, fairness, courage, respect and responsibility.

Police Corps

Modeled after President Kennedy's Peace Corps and the military's ROTC, the national Police Corps program is the culmination of Lt. Governor Townsend's 15-year effort to promote public service through law enforcement by providing scholarships to college students in return for a four-year commitment to serve as a police officer. The first class of 44 cadets graduated in 1997 from Maryland's academy with special instruction in ethics, fitness and leadership.

Hotspot Communities Initiative

Developed by the Lt. Governor when she served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Justice Department, this national model is the first statewide effort that systematically targets high-crime neighborhoods with a comprehensive array of enforcement and prevention strategies. The initiative coordinates hundreds of previously fragmented efforts, sparking unprecedented cooperation among government agencies and mobilizing thousands of citizens in the fight against crime.

Gun Enforcement Initiative

Lt. Governor Townsend has opened a second front in the battle against gun violence, balancing Maryland's tough gun laws with an unprecedented effort to target illegal gun traffickers who supply weapons to criminals and juveniles. The initiative launched a new State Police Office of Gun Enforcement to coordinate statewide investigations, tracing and ballistics testing of every firearm recovered by police, and assign the first state trooper in the nation to serve as liaison to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

Break the Cycle

Lt. Governor Townsend's "Break the Cycle" Initiative is a groundbreaking effort to cut drug-related crime by targeting offenders on probation and parole, those mostly likely to commit crimes to support their drug habits. Bypassing the national debate between punishment and rehabilitation, Break the Cycle combines the two approaches by requiring addicted offenders to undergo frequent drug testing and face escalating penalties for each failed test to motivate them to stay in treatment and remain drug-free.

Afterschool Program Initiative

Recognizing that the bulk of juvenile crime and teen pregnancy occurs in the afterschool hours, before parents return home from work, Lt. Governor Townsend established the Maryland Afterschool Program Initiative. She has quadrupled funding for programs that use mentoring, tutoring and other proven "best practices" to prevent youth violence, drug use, gangs and other high-risk behavior.

Spotlight in Schools

Acting forcefully to prevent school violence, Lt. Governor Townsend spearheaded the placement of juvenile probation officers directly into 80 at-risk schools across the state. These officers are uniquely able to focus on those students most apt to commit violent acts, keeping them under close supervision, reducing classroom disruption and helping resolve disputes before they escalate.

Work & Family Solutions

As more and more women have entered the workforce, Americans have increasingly struggled to balance the daily demands of work and family. In June 1998, Lt. Governor Townsend convened a national summit, "Solutions: Women's Juggle for Time," to spotlight creative and practical solutions for business, government, communities and individuals. The solutions identified will help the State of Maryland lead the nation to policies and practices based on "what works."

Domestic Violence

Under the Lt. Governor's leadership, Maryland is instituting one of the most comprehensive statewide efforts in the nation to prevent and reduce domestic violence. Through the Family Violence Council, which she co-chairs, the State has strengthened laws and established dozens of new programs and policies to protect victims, hold batterers accountable, and break the cycle of abuse that passes between generations.

Maryland's Promise

Lt. Governor Townsend is leading Maryland's effort to mobilize and sustain thousands of volunteers from the private and public sectors to bring five critical resources to the 38,000 children most at-risk in the state. The initiative creates "Communities of Promise" in partnership with businesses, local governments, and charitable, service and volunteer organizations in each of Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions.

Partnership for Children, Youth and Families

Lt. Governor Townsend is directing Maryland's "reinventing government" effort to improve the effectiveness of services for children and families. By eliminating duplicated services, establishing

measurable results, and transferring decision-making authority to local boards, the initiative is reinvesting savings in prevention efforts and creative new programs that improve the lives of children and families.

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OCCUPATION

Lieutenant Governor of Maryland

BIRTHDAY

July 4, 1951

HOMETOWN

Baltimore

MARITAL STATUS

Married; four daughters

SELF-PORTRAIT

Strong, loyal, thoughtful, energetic, gracious

MOTTO

"Never, never, never give up!" - Churchill

WALTER MITTY FANTAYS

Climbing Mount Everest and K-2

INSPIRATION

Husband David

GREATEST FEAT

Getting all students in Maryland to do community service

BAD HABITS

Not taking "No" for an answer

PET PEEVES

Matching socks

HOBBY

History and poetry

LUXURY DEFINED

Hugging all four daughters on the couch, watching "The Sound of Music"

DRINK OR WINE

Chocolate milk shake with coffee ice cream

FAVORITE RESTAURANT

Any Greek or Mexican dinner

VACATION SPOT

Hiking American wilderness areas

CLOTHING STORE

A friend's closet

TV PROGRAM

"Meet the Press"

CAR IN GARAGE

'90 Chevy truck, but no garage

BOOKS AT BEDSIDE

"Failure Is Impossible," Susan B. Anthony "Letters From Prison," Adam Michnik

LAST WORDS

"Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee."

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JUST LIKE HER FATHER?**BYLINE:** Sally B. Donnelly**BODY:**

When Professor David Townsend and his former student Kathleen Kennedy were married, their friends gave them a potter's wheel. It seemed like a good idea at the time. "Kathleen has all the attributes [for it]: focus, persistence, a spiritual side and immense desire to complete the work," says David. She was destined, he thought, to be a wonderful wife, mother--and potter.

The potter's wheel sits still now, covered by cobwebs, in the basement. And **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, 48, the **Lieutenant Governor of Maryland**, has emerged as the most promising of the next wave of political Kennedys. Although she is the only Kennedy ever to lose an election--she was beaten in a congressional race in 1986--she has since been elected twice statewide. And after five years in the job, where she has focused on fighting crime and boosting economic development, she is preparing to run for Governor in 2002. Her ambitions still reach beyond the state line.

Townsend is the most moderate among the third generation of vote-seeking Kennedys. Her initiatives on the social front are infused with moral reproof. Break the Cycle, for example, is an antidrug effort that requires offenders on parole or probation--those most likely to go back to a life of crime--to take frequent drug tests and face harsh and escalating penalties if they fail. "Her landmark work on crime, community service and character education serves as a national model for New Democrats," says Al From, president of the Democratic Leadership Council.

"It wasn't obvious my wife would ever become a public person," David told TIME. "It took a long time." And certainly it was not assumed, even by the election-oriented Kennedys, that the girls in the family were meant for the job. But the young Kathleen, as the first grandchild of Joseph Kennedy, was nonetheless expected to serve in some way. Two days after President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, Kathleen's father Robert wrote his 12-year-old daughter a note on White House stationery: "As the oldest of the next generation you have a particular responsibility...Be kind to others and work for your country. Love, Daddy."

Like many in the clan, Townsend grew up with football and politics and the Washington social swirl and got the requisite Harvard degree. She courted David during a trip down the Mississippi River on a homemade raft just after Hurricane Agnes in 1972. They were married in 1973, and a law degree

and children followed. Her involvement in politics consisted mainly of volunteering for her uncle Ted's campaigns and stumping for local and congressional Democratic candidates. But two years after the family moved to David's home state of Maryland, in 1984, she decided to run for a congressional seat. The district was strongly Republican and the Democrats were in disarray, but Kathleen told her husband, "Someone has to run, and this is where my kids are going to grow up." She ran as a Townsend and lost. "That loss was good for her," says former U.S. Senator Joe Tydings, who has been close to the family for decades. "Kathleen is just like her father. She is a learner. She had a lot to learn."

Speech coaches, contact lenses, makeup and hairstyling were part of that education. When gubernatorial candidate Parris Glendening chose her to be his running mate in 1994, experts doubted she would help the ticket. But her name recognition--this time she used Kennedy Townsend--and her fund-raising skills proved them wrong.

Townsend has taken her father's admonition to heart and added to it the special stoicism that comes from being the tribe's eldest. Her family nicknames include "Clean Kathleen," "the Nun" and "the Un-Kennedy." Says longtime friend Tim Hagen, a former local politician in Ohio whom she met while working for her uncle Ted's 1980 presidential campaign: "At times Kathleen is so resolute she does not accept the irreconcilable." Indeed, her staff says one of her favorite words is "unacceptable."

The weekend John Kennedy Jr.'s plane went down, Townsend was in Hyannis Port helping friends and family deal with the tragedy. "Kathleen has no time for self-pity," says someone close to the family. "She knows she and her family have been blessed in so many ways." She spent last week mostly at home with David and their four daughters.

Townsend has discovered her political talents relatively late in life, but her husband believes it is a natural development for her. Kathleen is still shaping things, but this time it's civic life. "Politics is like pottery, only with a different kind of clay."

GRAPHIC: COLOR PHOTO: BLAKESELL--REUTERS, "THE UN-KENNEDY" Eldest of the family's third generation, she came to politics late

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HEADLINE: KENNEDYS' STAR IS RISING AGAIN - AND THIS TIME IT'S IN MARYLAND

BYLINE: Deborah Orin

BODY:

SUDDENLY, **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** is the new heir to the Kennedy mantle - **Maryland's lieutenant governor** is being talked up as her state's next governor, if not Al Gore's veep running mate.

When the nation is as fixated on one event as it was on John F. Kennedy Jr.'s fatal plane crash, the whole political climate can shift. But this time, analysts say, the impact seems to be Kennedy-specific.

"This was one of those rare national obsessionary events that had no impact on the national political climate," says a Democratic strategist who contrasts it with how the Columbine HS killings spurred the gun-control effort.

"But in Maryland, suddenly **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** [a daughter of Ethel and Bobby] is being perceived as the next Kennedy," the strategist says.

"She was the front-runner for governor, but now she's being looked at as one of the brightest of the next generation, almost an icon."

Besides, Gore's other female veep prospect, New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, was washed away in his own Watergate when she co-paddled his canoe in the photo op that cost billions of gallons of wasted water.

Post pollster John Zogby said the warm glow of Camelot-remembered could also help ex-congressman Joe Kennedy Jr. revive his political career, which he scrapped after a messy divorce.

"Now it's not as unfashionable to be a Kennedy as it was over the last few years. One can conceivably talk seriously about Joe Jr. coming back and running for Massachusetts governor," Zogby said.

Republican pollster John McLaughlin thinks the real significance is that, while the nation obsessed on the crash, GOPers in Congress - free of the spotlight's glare - finally got their act together on tax cuts.

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In a family known for glamour, adventure and, sometimes, calamitous misadventure, **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** is often called the good Kennedy, the quiet Kennedy, clean Kathleen - and only partly in jest.

Over the last two decades, while more famous relatives moved in Washington's power corridors and otherwise made headlines, the first child of Robert Kennedy built a career in public service; raised four daughters, ages 7 to 21, with her college professor husband; and, as the eldest of 30 Kennedy cousins, rallied the family in times of trouble.

Now, after five years as **Maryland's lieutenant governor**, Ms. Townsend is in position to step forward as the political standard-bearer for her generation of Kennedys.

The family patriarch, of course, remains U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy. His son, Patrick, a congressman from Rhode Island, has proven himself a skilled fund-raiser and heads the House campaign committee that helps elects Democrats. Ms. Townsend's younger brother, Joseph, left Congress last year after six terms, but speculation has him re-entering politics in the future.

Ms. Townsend, though, is already considered the frontrunner for Maryland governor in the 2002 election, and her name has also surfaced - among many others - as a possible vice presidential running mate for Democrat Al Gore.

The only other Kennedy of her generation in elected office is cousin Mark Shriver, a Maryland state lawmaker.

Ms. Townsend, 48, has the characteristic toothy Kennedy smile but has had to work hard to pick up the political skills her father and uncles exhibited so effortlessly. One family trait she never lacked, however, is the competitive Kennedy spirit, especially in sports.

Former Sen. Joseph Tydings, a close friend of Robert Kennedy, remembers a touch football game when Kathleen was 10 or 11. She and her father went up against Tydings and another man.

"I don't know if they beat us or not, but if they didn't, it was damned close," he said.

From an early age, Ms. Townsend was expected to shoulder some responsibility for her 10 siblings and many cousins.

One of her most cherished possessions - framed and hanging in a hallway of her Victorian home in suburban Baltimore - is this letter Robert Kennedy wrote to his 12-year-old daughter the day President John F. Kennedy was buried:

"Dear Kathleen. You seem to understand that Jack died and was buried today. As the oldest of the Kennedy grandchildren, you have a particular responsibility now - a special responsibility to John and Joe. Be kind to others and work for your country. Love, Daddy."

The letter referred to her brother Joe and to cousin John Kennedy Jr., who had turned 3 that day.

The president's son was killed July 16 in a private plane crash off Martha's Vineyard. The Townsends accompanied President Clinton and his family to New York City for the Kennedy memorial service Friday.

Robert Kennedy's trust in his daughter was not misplaced. Friends say Ms. Townsend can be counted on in times of trouble.

She took the lead in defending Joe against criticism he'd tried to bully his first wife into an annulment of their 12-year marriage, two years after they divorced. In 1979, she went to court to become brother David's legal guardian, to try to rescue him from drug abuse. He had the guardianship revoked a year later and died of an overdose in 1984. Another brother, Michael, was killed in a skiing accident Dec. 31, 1997.

Her husband, David, said in a 1997 interview with The Boston Globe Magazine that Ms. Townsend "plays an enormous leadership role in the family. When something happens, like with one of her brothers, she is called immediately."

Ms. Townsend's first run for office, for Congress in 1986, made her the first Kennedy to lose a general election.

She picked up the pieces and formed the Maryland Student Service Alliance in partnership with the state education department, where she developed the nation's only statewide program that requires public school students to perform community service.

In 1993, she joined the U.S. Justice Department as a deputy assistant attorney general in charge of community policing programs,

Some might have considered her brief political career long dead, but in 1994, Parris Glendening surprised all of **Maryland** by asking her to be his **lieutenant governor** running mate. They won by fewer than 6,000 votes but last year won re-election with a margin of almost 150,000.

Ms. Townsend now "enjoys extremely strong popularity across the state," says pollster Keith Haller of Potomac Survey research.

While some of her beliefs diverge from liberal Democratic positions associated with Kennedys - she supports the death penalty, for example - she has defended her positions as very much in line with lessons learned from her father.

A longtime friend, Democratic political consultant Bob Shrum, said positions may differ, "but if the question is, does she carry on the underlying idealism that motivated her father, I think it's clear she does."

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HEADLINE: Next generation of Kennedys a political force

BYLINE: John Mulligan The Providence Journal

BODY:

WASHINGTON - When John F. Kennedy Jr. pulled off the most successful clandestine wedding in modern celebrity history, it was his young cousin, the freshman congressman from Rhode Island, who blew his cover.

"My cousin John did tie the knot," Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy blurted when a reporter asked.

The nuptials of the late president's son off the Georgia coast were still a secret that late-summer weekend in 1996. But somehow Patrick Kennedy, raising money for an ultimately unsuccessful Democratic House candidate in Steubenville, Ohio, had not gotten the word.

It was not the first time that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's son, then 29, let himself in for a round of his family's fierce brand of ribbing.

But more tellingly for the younger generation of public servants, it was not the first example of how some Kennedys have been at their stations in the family business while the eye of the media was fixed on Kennedy celebration, scandal or tragedy.

Robert Kennedys, with all those horses and dogs," his mother once recalled.

After his parents divorced, he also chose to live in Boston for some of his teen years, and he broke with his father's world when he switched from Washington's Georgetown University to insular Providence College.

Total immersion

Once he decided on politics, however, Patrick Kennedy followed the traditional family method of total immersion. No pizza party at the Carroll Towers elderly housing project was too small for his attention. No number of famous relations was too large to marshal for door-to-door soliciting of starstruck voters in Mount Pleasant.

As a PC student, he won the middle-class neighborhood's seat in the Rhode Island House and keeps a home there still.

Kennedy made a hard-eyed calculation upon arrival in a House Democratic caucus that was decimated by the Republican landslide of 1994. He forsook the freshman's traditional path of scrounging for scraps from the congressional pork barrel.

Thanks to his family-assisted ties to Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, Kennedy got a good assignment to the Armed Services Committee. But he has devoted more energy and enthusiasm to political combat than to legislative deal-making."

That was partly a matter of what Kennedy likes to call "making lemonade out of lemons." A lowly freshman from the minority party would not bring home much bacon. But on the money circuit, Kennedy had the Midas touch, in large part because he had "my father's Rolodex," as he happily acknowledged.

"An unlimited future"

"**Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** has an unlimited future," said Al From,

who as president of the Democratic Leadership Council has worked to nudge the party toward the political center on issues from crime to welfare reform. DLC alumnus Bill Clinton has built his presidency on stealing Republican thunder in this fashion.

Townsend, the **lieutenant governor of Maryland** and the unannounced front-runner in the 2002 governor's race, is a rising force in the DLC, and "among the brightest young stars in the 'New Democrat' movement nationally," From said.

If Townsend's maiden name gave her a head start in the family business, she has worked herself to the verge of national stature, said From, by taking her lumps and charting her own political course. That course departed from liberal Democratic orthodoxy in her first bid for elective office. Her platform in a 1986 run for a veteran Republican's House seat included a national police force and a return to the military draft.

Townsend took an 18-percentage-point shellacking from Rep. Helen Delich Bentley that year.

"Home in on an issue"

"But Kathleen's response to political adversity was to home in on an issue and build a reputation around the state," said From, who first teamed with her in 1988. He cited Townsend's successful campaign in the late 1980s to write youth community service into Maryland law.

The idea of national service, dating to President John F. Kennedy's creation of the Peace Corps, has had a modest flowering with Clinton's creation of AmeriCorps, a domestic youth service outfit.

By 1994, Townsend was widely viewed as an asset to the statewide ticket in Parris N. Glendening's narrow election victory. Both were easily re-elected in 1998. State law does not permit Glendening a

third term, and Townsend seems poised to run for governor in three years.

Close relationship

Joseph Kennedy was widely viewed as having bowed out of the 1998 Massachusetts gubernatorial campaign because of the media storm over his former wife's published criticism of the annulment of their wedding and over his now-deceased brother Michael's relationship with a teen-age baby sitter.

But Goldman, Kennedy's longtime consultant, said there was another factor: the desire to continue his close relationship with his twin sons, soon to be college-age.

Joe Kennedy occupied the famous congressional seat of Tip O'Neill, John F. Kennedy, James Michael Curley and - at the turn of the last century - his great-grandfather, John F. "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald.

He did so with a bigger share of the fabled Kennedy charisma than his sister Kathleen and his cousin Patrick. But he also displayed what some House colleagues considered a full measure of the fabled Kennedy arrogance.

In his introductory speeches as a freshman congressman, Patrick got a sure-fire laugh by exaggerating the contrast between his humility and his cousin's ferocity.

"I agree with the people in Massachusetts who say don't count Joe out," said From. "I think he is a guy who has a lot of public service left in him."

Consultant Goldman said that Joe Kennedy, like his cousin Patrick, may be seeking his own way, apart from the Senate path trod by his father and two uncles.

The growing willingness of young politicians of both parties to return for service in "the real world is, I think, one of the healthiest

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SECTION: State and Regional News**DISTRIBUTION:** TO STATE EDITOR**LENGTH:** 854 words**HEADLINE:** **Maryland Lieutenant Governor** Launches 1999 Chiefs' Challenge; Statewide Law Enforcement Child Passenger Safety Trailer Unveiled**BODY:**

Lieutenant Governor **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** commended the commitment and dedication of law enforcement officials from across the State who joined her at the State House today to launch the 1999 Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Campaign. The two-month campaign, aimed at increasing awareness of and compliance with Maryland's safety belt and child safety seat laws, will run from April 1 through May 31, 1999. The ultimate goal of the Chiefs' Challenge is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce the health care costs associated with motor vehicle crashes.

During the ceremony, a new component to this statewide law enforcement campaign was unveiled. A traveling child passenger safety trailer (one of four such vehicles), featuring graphics of properly secured children on the exterior and information and equipment on the interior, will be a vital tool for Maryland's law enforcement community to use during the Chiefs' Challenge and well beyond. It will be a focal point at child safety seat checkup events where trained technicians help parents and caregivers to achieve the proper (secure) installation of child safety seats and booster seats.

The Chiefs' Challenge campaign and the child passenger safety trailers are part of an ongoing public-private partnership between the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, Maryland Committee For Safety Belt Use, Maryland SAFE KIDS Coalition, and the Maryland State Highway Administration. This partnership continues to work as a team in order to help prevent the tragic and needless loss of life which occurs when people do not buckle up. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 14 and younger, as well as the leading cause of all deaths for persons of every age from 6 to 27 years old. Additionally, of those children who are restrained in car seats, four out of five are not restrained correctly.

"The Chiefs' Challenge is designed to help everyone," said Lieutenant Governor Townsend. "For the next two months, large and small-sized law enforcement agencies, in rural and urban areas across the state, will join together to conduct an intensive effort to get the citizens they serve to buckle up and properly secure their children in safety seats. Those who do not wear seat belts or secure their children in safety seats not only risk being pulled over and ticketed, but even more importantly, they risk serious injury or death!"

The purpose of the Chiefs' Challenge is for law enforcement agencies to increase their efforts to integrate safety belt and child safety seat enforcement into routine, daily traffic enforcement

activities and to achieve a 90 percent safety belt usage rate by the end of 1999. Among the law enforcement agencies participating in the launch ceremony were officials from corporate security and university police departments, as well as municipal and county police agencies, sheriffs' departments and the Maryland State Police.

"When it comes to safety belt use, Maryland law enforcement officers are neither complacent nor accepting of the tragic and needless loss of life," said Sykesville Chief of Police Wallace Mitchell, Vice President, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association. "Anyone who is not buckled up runs the risk of being stopped for the violation. As we approach the time of year when driving is on the increase, we are focusing our efforts on helping those motorists who still are not wearing a safety belt or buckling up their children to form this lifesaving habit."

"The level of participation in the 1999 Chiefs' Challenge is commendable," said Barbara Beckett, Executive Director of the Maryland Committee For Safety Belt Use. "With such a broad range of support from some 47 agencies of all sizes throughout every region of Maryland, we anticipate that this campaign will boost statewide usage rates to the 90 percent goal as well as help teach countless Maryland families how to properly secure their children in child safety seats."

Assisting the Lieutenant Governor in launching the Chiefs' Challenge were two families whose children were survivors of severe motor vehicle crashes. Both the Guarino family of Montgomery County and the Dixon family from Baltimore had their children's safety seats inspected for proper installation prior to their crashes. Each of the children and their parents serve as living proof of the benefits of the proper use of safety belts and child safety seats. The addition of the State's new child passenger safety trailers also will help to ensure that a greater number of Maryland families will have access to child safety seat checkup events.

"Together, we are sending a message to all Marylanders that buckling up is a family affair," said Lieutenant Governor Townsend. "Although no one can predict when they will be involved in a crash, if they want to avoid receiving a ticket, and protect themselves and those they love, then they will do the right thing and buckle up."

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NAME: KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND**SECTION:** METRO; Pg. C01**LENGTH:** 1414 words**HEADLINE:** 4 Years Of Effort Polish Townsend**BYLINE:** Charles Babington, Washington Post Staff Writer**BODY:**

Four years ago today, **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** blundered her way through a speech before 500 restless welfare advocates in Annapolis. It was such a disaster that many political activists concluded **Maryland's** new **lieutenant governor** wasn't ready to perform in the big leagues.

Last week she gave a pair of speeches -- one when President Clinton came visiting and a second when Vice President Gore dropped in -- with the smooth delivery of a practiced orator. Then she basked in the men's praise for the programs she had helped initiate. Gore, in particular, poured it on.

"Kathleen has done more as **lieutenant governor** for **Maryland** than most governors have done for their states," the vice president said Friday as he saluted 27 new graduates of the state's Police Corps program, which Townsend helped found.

Townsend's political ascendancy has startled many of the observers who had dismissed her as a lightweight buoyed only by the Kennedy family name. A year or two ago, the early Democratic favorites for the 2002 governor's race were Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and Baltimore County Executive C.A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger III.

Today, most political insiders agree that Townsend is the one to beat. She has noticeably improved her speaking and campaigning skills while tirelessly crisscrossing the state to champion many popular programs. She's more prepared for meetings, and even her wardrobe, makeup and hairstyle look better. Once teased by friends for her indifference to fashion, Townsend, 47, now has a sharper, more modern look, making occasional visits to salon, including Jean Paul's parlor in Washington.

"She's on a roll," said D. Bruce Poole, a Hagerstown lawyer and former majority leader in the Maryland House of Delegates. "She has been out toiling in the vineyards for the last four years. . . . She's been going to all the exchange clubs, making appearances at the PTA meetings. The

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cumulative effect of that can be very strong."

Despite her political lineage -- she's the eldest child of Robert F. and Ethel Kennedy and the niece of President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) -- Townsend was not a naturally gifted speaker when Parris N. Glendening (D) tapped her as his running mate in 1994. She was virtually hooted off a stage at St. John's College on Valentine's Day 1995, when she was unable to explain to a large gathering of welfare advocates why the new Glendening-Townsend administration had just axed a program for disabled people.

But Townsend, unlike many politicians, is thick-skinned and eager to have colleagues critique her performances and recommend changes, say several people who know her well.

"She wants to learn, and she listens to people, and she reaches out for a lot of advice," said Peter Hamm, chief spokesman for last fall's Glendening-Townsend reelection campaign. "She's got a personal speech coach," Hamm said. "I remember the first time I heard her talking about it, trying to pass along the tips to the governor. That didn't go over too well."

Over the last four years, Glendening has steadily given more responsibilities to Townsend, helping her enhance her public image. She took the leading role on criminal justice and gun-control issues during their first term, and now Glendening is handing her the reins for economic development and worker training.

In return, Townsend has helped the governor, whose relationship with Maryland voters has never been warm. By the time of the 1998 reelection campaign, Townsend proved so much more popular than Glendening that she became a mainstay of their campaign TV ads, introducing him as a shy, "quiet man."

Townsend, a lawyer and Harvard University graduate, has written dozens of magazine articles over the years on juvenile justice, public education and other issues.

"She has always been very focused on the written word," said Alan H. Fleischmann, her chief of staff. "Now she has become equally focused on the spoken word. . . . She did solicit advice from people, both professional and from her staff."

Some who have watched Townsend over the last four years say she has improved in almost every aspect of being a politician.

"There's been a big change, and the people of Maryland have gotten to know her better," said Daphne Bloomberg, a Democratic activist from Montgomery County who considers herself a friend to both Townsend and Duncan, who may face each other in the 2002 Democratic primary for governor. "She knows how to say thank you. She pays close attention to who helps. She has absolutely a 4.0 [or straight A's] staff around her, and they work as a family."

Not all Maryland officials and politicians are convinced that Townsend has made dramatic strides. A few legislators still roll their eyes at the mention of her name, remembering speeches or committee hearings where she seemed more like a cheerleader than a persuasive policy advocate.

Several key players say they are keeping an open mind, waiting to be convinced.

"I think she's going to try," said Champe C. McCulloch, president of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, regarding Townsend's efforts to woo the business community. "If she does, I think business people are willing to be open-minded. Someone who carries the Kennedy name in Congress is not generally seen as a friend of business. But she's a different person."

Still, many observers say Townsend is a more disciplined, predictable speaker who has curbed her tendency to veer into odd, perplexing comments. In a 1997 commencement speech at Cecil County Community College, for example, she baffled many graduates by noting how cute they probably were

as kindergartners, then adding: "Notice I emphasize were!"

Townsend now sticks more closely to her prepared speeches, and when she speaks extemporaneously, she seldom wanders into such asides. Some associates say it's because friends have told her to knock it off, and she listened.

"She's always open to constructive ideas and constructive criticism," Fleischmann said.

In an interview Friday, after she introduced Gore at the Police Corps ceremony in Linthicum, Townsend declined to discuss details of her self-improvement program, such as her speech coach. But she said: "What I have done, basically, is ask for advice almost everywhere I go. After an event such as this one, I would ask what went right, what went wrong, what could we do better. So I'm always anxious to hear people's comments about what our office could do better, how we could be more responsive."

Townsend said Marylanders feel more comfortable with her because she has attended hundreds of meetings dealing with her pet projects, including: the "HotSpots" program that concentrates resources from the community, police agencies and other institutions on high-crime areas; community service programs now required of all Maryland high school students; and a "Break the Cycle" program aimed at keeping parolees, probationers and inmates drug-free.

"I think people see me as someone who gets things done," she said.

Friends and skeptics alike agree that her Kennedy connection gives her a big political advantage. She attracts volunteers and campaign contributors from throughout the nation in a way no other lieutenant governor can match.

Allies, however, note that Townsend lost a congressional bid in the Baltimore suburbs in 1986, and they say she can't win a statewide election on her famous name alone. That's why she works long hours, generally six days a week, to underscore her role as a promoter of substantial public policy innovations, they say.

Polls and focus groups in 1998 found that Maryland voters "are obviously aware of who her family is," said Bob Shrum, the Glendening-Townsend campaign's media adviser last fall. "But they mostly judge her as an individual. They're certainly knowledgeable about the crime stuff" that Townsend has championed. "There's a lesser sense -- but it's still real -- with children" and education programs.

Aides say Sen. Kennedy, Townsend's uncle, made numerous fund-raising phone calls on her behalf in 1998. They say he and other family members now realize she may go farther in politics than her brothers and cousins.

"I sense the powers within the Kennedy hierarchy have said it's show time," Poole said, and Townsend may be the first of her generation ready for the big stage.

Lt. Gov. **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** at an event with Gov. Parris N. Glendening.

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ON THE LINK BETWEEN DRUGS, CRIME AND PRISONS

ALSO SPEAKING:

GENERAL BARRY MCCAFFREY, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL OFFICE

ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES RANGEL (D-NY)

REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK LEAHY (D-VT)

RENO, NEVADA, MAYOR JEFF GRIFFIN

MARYLAND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND

WHITE HOUSE ROOSEVELT ROOM

WASHINGTON, DC

BODY:

GEN. MCCAFFREY: Let me, if I may, begin by thanking all of you for joining us to what will be, I think, a very important series of announcements that try and draw the link between drugs, crime and prisons. And for this group, I don't need to articulate the numbers that are involved, the 1.8 million behind bars, the arguments that as many as 83 percent have a history of drug abuse -- you can argue those percentages, from 50 to 80 percent -- and the enormous cost of some \$36 billion that goes into this national system. And what the attorney general and Mayor Griffin and Representative Rangel and Senator Leahy and my partner, Lieutenant Governor **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, and then the president, will talk about is what are we going to do about it.

And I would first of all argue that this is not a one-day event. We have been working on this issue for several years now. We have increased the dollars we have invested in our strategy substantially over the past few years. We're talking about a 40 percent increase in prevention-related funding in three years and a massive increase of some 38 percent in drug treatment dollars in the past five years.

Now, the president will talk about the FY '99, FY 2000 numbers, but I would just argue, for the first time in our history, when Secretary Shalala announced the '99 budget we went over \$3 billion for drug-related treatment. A lot of the heroes are here in this room today, besides the ones I mentioned: Dr. Linda Wolfe (sp) Jones, president of Therapeutic Communities of America; Dr. Alan Leshner, Dr. Nelba Chavez, who are the team that work with Donna Shalala; Laurie Robinson, who has been probably the driving force, along with Jeremy Travis, in a lot of what we do; and my own deputy, Dr. Don Vereen, who has been instrumental in helping us think through the problem.

Let me just say straight out that the numbers we're concerned about is an untreated addict costs you and I \$43,000 a year, by sort of modest calculations. If we lock that addict up, it's just under \$40,000 a year to keep him incarcerated. And the average compulsive drug user is behind bars for probably some 36 to 48 months.

If I had to pick one guy in the United States Senate, and I say this notwithstanding the fact that Chuck Schumer has not been sworn in yet -- (laughter) -- and Senator Moynihan for all practical purposes is leaving -- (laughter) -- that I can talk with about any problem, that I have gone to his office -- and he has done what senators don't do; he has come over to the House side to talk with me in my office. And he talks about this as though it was his district and his state that was really at risk because he knows that whether it is his state or my community, it's our country; my buddy Senator Leahy. (Applause.)

SEN. LEAHY: Charlie, thank you very much.

When I first came to the Senate at the age of 34, having left eight years as a prosecutor, one of the first people I went to see was Congressman Rangel. And I have enjoyed working with him throughout these years on so many of these issues, especially on the issues of drugs.

And, Mr. President, that's why I am proud to be here with you today, as you make this announcement. It's extremely important that you are talking about to help current inmates and parolees end their drug addictions.

Any one of us who has been in law enforcement, or those of us who are now in law enforcement, know that when you have over 70 percent of all inmates reporting past drug use, when 60 percent of our nation's repeat offenders report record drug use, then we have to do everything possible to get them to kick the habit. It's not enough to just simply lock people up, but make them stop having the problems that get them there in the first place.

That's why I introduced the legislation last year, the Combatting Drugs in Prison Act, to allow states to use their federal prison funds to provide appropriate drug testing and treatment for their inmates. We have to show that this can work.

And I was pleased, Mr. President, when a similar provision was enacted in the fiscal year 1999 appropriations bill.

Only the former Soviet Union has more people in their jails and prisons than we do. If we can help these inmates get off and stay off drugs, we can see a significant reduction in these numbers in the coming years. We know that residential drug treatment programs work. We've found that federal inmates who have completed such a program, I believe the numbers were, Madame Attorney General, 73 percent less likely to be rearrested in the six months after release than those who did not.

Now in that regard, I want to introduce **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the lieutenant governor of Maryland**. She has become a leader, not only in Maryland but throughout the nation, in developing innovative approaches to reducing crime, including the use of regular drug testing in parolees and probationers in Maryland. I've known her for many years. I have to hope that part of her reason for being so good is she spent some time in school in Vermont. (Laughter.) I believe the citizens of Maryland are lucky to have somebody who takes such a balanced approach. And I think because of Governor Townsend, this money in Maryland is going to be well spent.

LT. GOV. TOWNSEND: Thank you. I shouldn't say this, but nonetheless, when I went to school in Vermont, I went to a school called Putney, and my father called it "Potney." (Laughter.) He didn't know what he was talking about. (Laughter.) It was many years ago. But thank you, Senator Leahy. And Mr. President, it's great to be with you, and Mr. Mayor, Congressman, Gen. McCaffrey.

When we talk about the revolving door of criminal justice, it is clearly drug-addicted offenders who are turning the wheels. Addicts under the supervision of the criminal justice system use about half of all the cocaine and heroin used in the United States. That is, 50 percent of all of our drugs are used by people already in the criminal justice system. It's a staggering statistic which demonstrates that we will make a huge dent in the crime problem when we break the cycle and get the addicts off of drugs.

By combining treatment and punishment, the president's initiatives will do that, and they will do it more quickly and more effectively than anything else that we can do.

These initiatives help us move beyond the paralyzing debate of more treatment or more punishment. People are sick and tired of drug-related crime. They want results, and this will get results. The evidence is clear; the longer that people stay in treatment, the better the outcome, regardless of whether they choose treatment on their own or whether they're sent there by their wife, their boss, or even the judge.

The president's initiatives capitalize on this by using the leverage of the criminal justice system to keep offenders in treatment and hold them accountable for staying clean. This way they can stop committing crimes to support their habits, avoid the risk of AIDS, stay off drugs for good and, therefore, they can get the jobs and resume the productive, fulfilling lives they should. Attorney General Reno pioneered this combined approach of testing, sanctions and treatment with the Miami Drug Court, and we've seen proof that it works in hundreds of individual drug courts across the country where repeat offenses are being cut by anywhere from 50 to 75 percent. In Maryland we have institutionalized this model throughout our entire criminal justice system. Under our "Break the Cycle" initiative, every single one of our 25,000 drug-addicted offenders on parole and probation will face drug testing twice a week, with immediate and escalating penalties with each failed test, to motivate them to stay in treatment, off of drugs and away from crime. We'll begin to apply this same regiment to juvenile offenders later this year. The new grant that we received today will help us to extend the same system behind the walls of our prisons and help keep drugs out of those facilities so treatment can occur in a drug-free environment. Our "Break the Cycle" initiative is the largest effort of this kind anywhere in the country, and I am very grateful for the support that I have received from Attorney General Reno and from General McCaffrey, who in fact came to Maryland a year ago when we kicked that off. But obviously, for any of this to work it takes a lot of cooperation from many branches of government and from every level, and I would like to thank a few of the Marylanders who are with us today: Corrections Secretary Stu Sims (sp); Delegate Peter Francho (sp) of the Appropriations Committee; Ricky Specter (sp) of the Baltimore City Council; Judges Kaplan (sp), Mizner (ph), and Weitzman (sp), and Judge McCallif (sp) who heads our Sentencing Council. Also Faye Taxmond (ph), the University of Maryland, who, I have to tell you, has devoted countless hours to making this work. I also clearly want to applaud you, Mr. President, for your leadership, and urge the Congress to approve these new initiatives in the budget so that other states can start similar reform. Thank you, Mr. President. In so many ways you are making this a stronger nation.

Your leadership on issues of crime and drugs is a vital part of that. When you took office six years ago, most people had abandoned the hope that we could do anything; that it wouldn't matter if we added more police or built more prisons or tried new prevention. But your tireless and confident leadership proved that wrong. It didn't end with the Crime Bill; it's been a steady and consistent fight on all fronts, and we're seeing the results now of the Clinton-Gore administration's hard work in our communities. Crimes rates have dropped to levels that we haven't seen in 30 years.

You have led this way to historic reductions in crime and today's initiatives will help to accelerate that progress. To break the cycle of crime and addiction is to make a community safe. The American people are thankful and we are grateful that you have taken up the cause of rebuilding our cities and taking our streets back from the thugs and the pushers. You're making it possible that more of us can live in neighborhoods in which we trust our neighbors and look forward to a future of hope. It is a real honor and a privilege to introduce the president of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much. Let me begin by just expressing my appreciation to all who have spoken and to all who are here for the years and years and years of commitment you have manifested in this endeavor. I thank my good friend, Senator Leahy and Congressman Rangel. I thank General Reno and General McCaffrey for making it possible for us to continue to emphasize these things and to actually make progress; for being both practical and idealistic. Thank you, Mayor Griffin for what you said and for what you're doing and for bringing your police chief, Chief Hoover (sp), here with you.

I want to say, obviously, a special word of appreciation to **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, who has literally redefined what it means to be a lieutenant governor -- (laughter) -- I would hate to succeed her as **lieutenant governor of Maryland** -- for her indefatigable energy. I thank the others here from Maryland who are involved in her endeavor.

I would also like to say a special word of welcome to Judge (Joel ?) Talber (sp) and all the others who are here from the drug courts throughout America. I'll have more to say about them in a moment. But I am especially grateful for their endeavors.

Six years ago, as has already been said, our country was at peace but too many of our communities were at war. Illegal drugs were ravaging cities on both coasts and the American heartland in

between. Crack and methamphetamine use were at near record levels. Drug dealers controlled whole neighborhoods and thought nothing of opening fire on passing police cars. Many communities lived in terror. Many children feared walking down the street.

I actually met in a school in California -- I'll never forget this -- with a group of children who were drilled on how to jump out of their desk and hit the floor if they were subject to drive-by shootings. It had a searing impact on me. One of the reasons I ran for president was to give those kids their futures back. And all of you have done a lot to give them their futures back, and I'm very grateful to you.

In every successive year, I have proposed a larger anti-drug budget. In 1999 we had a 30 percent increase just between then and 1996, even as we produced the first balanced budget in a generation. Under General McCaffrey's leadership, we have put these resources to good use: unprecedented new tools for domestic enforcement, unprecedented new campaigns to convince young people to stay off drugs -- I hope you saw one of our ads on the football game last night, if you watched it; unprecedented new efforts to stem the flow of drugs across our borders; unprecedented new efforts to stop the revolving door between the prison and the street.

As you've heard from Attorney General Reno and General McCaffrey, the strategy is working. We do have the lowest crime rate in 25 years. Drug use is falling -- finally, thank goodness, drug use is beginning to fall among our young people. But the crime rate is still too high. The streets are still too violent. There is still too much drug use, especially in our prisons. The mayor of Reno whispered to me when Kathleen was talking that Mayor Daley told him it was easier to get drugs in the Illinois penitentiary than it was on the streets of Chicago. I say this not to criticize the Illinois penitentiary. That's a statement that could be made in more than half the states in this country.

So we still have a lot to do. There is no better way to start than to help our prisoners break clean from drugs.

Today we release a new study from the Department of Justice that offers more convincing evidence that drug use stokes all kinds of crime, from property crimes like burglary and auto theft, to violent crimes like assault and murder. It shows that one in six offenders landed in prison for a crime committed just to get money for drugs; that nearly a third of prisoners were using drugs at the time they committed their crimes; that more than 80 percent of prisoners have a history of drug use. And when you consider that, plus the breathtaking statistic that Lieutenant Governor **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** gave us about the volume of heroin and cocaine used by people who are in the criminal justice system, it is clear to us that if we're going to continue to reduce the rate of crime, we have to do something to avoid releasing criminals with their dangerous drug habits intact.

As you've heard from previous speakers, we've already done a lot to expand drug testing and treatment in federal prisons and to encourage states to do the same, but today we want to make a dramatic leap forward. The balanced budget I will submit to Congress will contain a \$215 million zero-tolerance drug program designed to promote drug supervision, our nation's most comprehensive effort ever to test and treat not only criminals in prison but also those on probation and parole. To inmates in every state, we want to send a message: If you stay on drugs, you must stay behind bars. To probationers and parolees, we want to send a message: If you want to keep your freedom, you have to keep free of drugs.

Through this initiative, we'll also expand our efforts to help communities build and administer drug courts. Charlie Rangel mentioned Attorney General Reno's efforts as a young prosecutor. Many years ago, long before I ever thought I would be standing here as president, because my brother-in-law was a public defender in the Miami drug court that the attorney general set up, I used to go and visit it in the '80s. I went three times. One time I stayed for the whole session of court, almost all day. I have never had a more exhilarating experience in a courtroom in my life, including the sessions of the United States Supreme Court I have attended, because finally I saw something that I thought could actually work to change people's lives, to restore people to productive use in society, to reduce the crime rate, to make people safer, and to stop the policy of warehousing people in ever-increasing numbers in order to keep our streets safe.

When I took office, there were just a handful of these drug courts in operation, including the one that the Attorney General launched in Miami. Today there are more than 400. If our budget proposal is approved by Congress, we can move to have more than 1,000 up and running by the end of next

year. That is a worthy goal. It will change America for the better. It will give a lot of people their lives back and make our streets safer.

I'm also proud to say that on top of these proposals, we will free up another \$120 million for drug-free prison initiatives this year -- funds to help states boost testing and treatment, funds to purge their prisons of drugs with advanced new technologies.

At the end of this century, we've made great progress in our efforts to free our children and our communities from drugs and crime. As we begin a new century and a new millennium, we have an enormous opportunity to finish the job, to harness all the resources of the criminal justice system -- our courts; our prosecutors; our prisons; our probation officers; our police -- to break the drug habits of prisoners and people on parole and probation. We have to break this cycle. We have to give all these people a chance to be drug-free and to be productive citizens again. It is the only way we can ever in the end assure our children the future they deserve.

Thank you all for what you do. God bless you. (Applause.)

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HEADLINE: Glendening Lets Lt. Gov. Lead Charge On Crime; Initiatives Cover Victims, Offenders

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Last of four articles

It was the kind of program that Maryland officials were sure Lt. Gov. **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** would appreciate.

A small group of teenagers at the state's largest juvenile detention facility had been put to work repairing cars and trucks under the tutelage of mechanics at the State Highway Administration. The youths would graduate with job skills and an appreciation for the value of work, and some would even be hired by the state.

But when pleased juvenile justice officials touted the program to Townsend (D) last year, she zeroed in on one detail: The teenagers were being paid \$ 4 an hour -- and that wouldn't do.

Over the strenuous objections of those who ran the program, Townsend required the juveniles -- most of whom were poor and from broken homes -- to use their wages to pay restitution to their victims, to make child support payments or to make "donations" to the state's victims assistance fund.

The episode is emblematic of Townsend's attempt to define a centrist, "New Democrat" approach to crime policy, one that emphasizes victims and communities as well as offenders, punishment as well as prevention. It also illustrates how thoroughly she has been able to use her position to pursue that agenda in **Maryland**.

Lieutenant governors for the most part have been minor figures in modern Maryland history, as often as not relegated to ceremonial duties by governors with little interest in sharing power. But breaking with the past, Gov. Parris N. Glendening (D) has granted Townsend remarkable authority over state policies in an area of intense public concern: crime.

During the last four years, Townsend has crisscrossed the state announcing one initiative after another, introducing herself to local officials and citizens, slowly building a record in criminal justice to complement her more well-known identity as the eldest daughter of Robert F. Kennedy.

She designed the administration's "Hot Spots" program to focus resources on high-crime neighborhoods. She sent probation agents out of their offices and into communities and schools. She opened two youth "boot camps" and sought to revamp the juvenile justice system. And she helped Glendening secure passage of one of the strictest gun-control laws in the nation.

This fall, against the advice of some who fear she is overreaching, Townsend launched her most ambitious project yet: a system of frequent drug tests and escalating punishments designed to force 25,000 probationers to stay in drug treatment -- and fundamentally change how the justice system deals with drug offenders.

Her critics say the result has been more flash than substance, arguing that Townsend and Glendening have only tinkered with the state's criminal justice system and failed to implement the wholesale reform that is needed. For example, they say the administration has done little to establish truth-in-sentencing standards -- by which criminals serve their full sentences -- or overhaul a juvenile justice bureaucracy in crisis.

"I think the lieutenant governor's proposals have been well-meaning and well-intentioned, but I think she's missing the boat," said former U.S. attorney Richard D. Bennett, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor. "They've used a band-aid approach to a far more fundamental problem."

But other Republicans give Townsend's approach high marks. "I have to say the programs we're talking about are not fluff," said Howard County State's Attorney Marna McLendon. "There's an awful lot of innovation occurring, and I'm thrilled to see it."

For her part, Townsend said the administration has made "great strides" in reforming the juvenile justice system, all but eliminated parole for criminals serving life sentences and sharply reduced parole for other violent offenders. In addition, she said, a commission is already studying how to implement truth-in-sentencing and is expected to issue its recommendations this winter.

She noted that her programs have won praise from a broad spectrum of police officials, prosecutors and victims' rights and domestic violence activists.

"People in the law enforcement community are not ideological. They want results. They understand we need a balanced approach to crime," Townsend said recently. "Yes, we need to be tough. Yes, we need punishment. Yes, we need to make sure vicious criminals are put away. We also need prevention. We need after-school programs. We need community police and probation officers. . . . We need to be smart about fighting crime, and people understand that."

The initiative that perhaps best illustrates the Glendening-Townsend approach to crime-fighting is the Hot Spots program, which targets federal and state resources on 36 high-crime neighborhoods across Maryland, including six in Baltimore and at least one in every county. The program is funded out of existing resources, including \$ 3.5 million in annual state grants that previously had been distributed in a less coordinated manner.

The theory of Hot Spots is simple: Because researchers have found that 50 percent of crime occurs in just 3 percent of locations, resources from a variety of agencies -- not just police -- should be focused on those communities.

For example, in Mount Rainier, one of four Prince George's County communities targeted as hot spots, state probation agents have been assigned to work with police officers to make sure offenders are complying with the terms of their release. State grants are funding an after-school and mentoring program at a local community center. And town officials are working to improve lighting in

certain areas and pressuring landlords to improve their property and seek more stable tenants.

"Any time you drop resources into an area like this, it's going to make a difference. The community is more involved and the perception of crime is down," said John Thompson, Mount Rainier's police chief. "I spoke to one lady the other day, and she told me that for the first time at the end of the summer, she felt she could sit on her front porch."

At each hot spot, probation agents and police officers work in teams to keep tabs on parolees, often with surprise home visits. The state also has provided grants for "community mobilization" programs such as citizen patrols, neighborhood cleanups and even block parties.

But local officials in hot spots have designed different strategies for their neighborhoods. In Baltimore, for example, state money has been used to hire prosecutors who focus on enforcing codes and shutting down crack houses. In Oxon Hill and elsewhere, juvenile probation agents have been assigned to work in schools. In Waldorf's Smallwood Village neighborhood, police officers have worked with residents to clean up and patrol bicycle paths.

Some Republicans dismiss the Hot Spots program as a political gimmick designed to win votes. "I think she has tried to identify herself in that area, but I don't think people see it as sincere," said Del. Phillip D. Bissett (Anne Arundel), the senior Republican on the House Judiciary Committee. "She's been handed the football, but she doesn't know exactly which way to run."

But the program has won over many skeptics, including Republicans and community leaders long accustomed to neglect. The Maryland State Teachers Association, which initially resisted a plan to put probation agents in schools, now embraces it. Probation agents who were frustrated by immense caseloads now say they feel they've embarked on a second career.

"I can honestly say that before now, I've never seen so many resources coming into the community to help us combat drugs and crime and all the illegal activities," said Jean Yahudah, a community organizer in a southwest Baltimore hot spot. "When I talk to residents, they realize this is the first opportunity they've had in years to make a difference."

Crime in Maryland edged up during Glendening's first year in office, but it began falling after that and dropped faster than the national average last year. Researchers say it's too soon to link any of Townsend's programs to the decline, but Glendening is already counting on those policies to blunt Republican candidate Ellen R. Sauerbrey's claim that he has been soft on crime.

Indeed, Townsend is featured prominently in his campaign ads, and it is a sign of both her popularity and Glendening's confidence in her that the campaign has aggressively sought to present them as a team. But if Townsend and her centrist crime policies are now considered political assets, that has not always been the case.

When Glendening tapped Townsend to be his running mate four years ago, she was a low-level bureaucrat in the U.S. Justice Department and a minor figure in state politics at best. She had run for office only once, an attempt in 1986 to unseat Republican Helen Delich Bentley from her suburban Baltimore congressional seat. As the first Kennedy woman to seek elected office, she received national attention -- but lost badly.

Eight years later, when she was sworn in as lieutenant governor, the state's political establishment continued to regard her as an inexperienced outsider and a weak public speaker, someone who was in office strictly because of the Kennedy name and its fund-raising draw. Few expected her to do much with a job that one pol described as "a good place to go to retire from politics."

"I didn't know Kathleen, and I just sort of figured she would be the same as all the rest. I didn't have much faith that we would get anywhere on crime," said state Sen. Walter M. Baker (D-Cecil), chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. "But no, she's been very active. . . . I have to say I've been converted."

With Townsend's prodding, Glendening has pursued some policies typically associated with more conservative politicians: He all but eliminated parole for criminals serving life sentences, built or started work on 4,441 prison and jail spaces, supported the death penalty and used it once, and brought the state police force to a strength of 1,615 by hiring 252 new troopers.

At the same time, Glendening appealed to liberals by expanding the use of alternatives to prison such as day reporting and home detention, quadrupling spending on after-school programs and boosting funding for other social programs.

But the heart of the administration's anti-crime strategy lies in programs, like Hot Spots, that don't fit neatly into left-right categories -- programs that most bear Townsend's influence: a crackdown on gun trafficking; frequent drug testing for drug offenders; victim sensitivity classes for juveniles; the nation's first 311 nonemergency police line in Baltimore; a Police Corps program that trains college students to work as police officers in exchange for loan relief; and expanded use of probation agents who make home visits or are stationed in schools.

"The old left was always worried about protecting the rights of perpetrators, and the right only cared about severe punishment," said Al From, director of the Democratic Leadership Council, the centrist party think tank. "So for years, we were clobbered on that issue. What the New Democrats did was modernize the approach, and Kathleen has really been a leader on that."

Criminologists credit Townsend for avoiding the traditional answers to crime in favor of a problem-solving, research-based approach to the issue. "She has basically sought to put in practice all the things we've been talking about for years but that politicians seldom have taken the political risk to put in place," said Faye Taxman, a criminologist at the University of Maryland.

But by avoiding the traditional answers, Townsend also has drawn criticism from both the left and the right, particularly for her record in reforming the state's juvenile justice system.

Republicans say Townsend has not done enough to make the system punish juvenile offenders and is letting youths get away with crimes several times before they are ever sanctioned. At the same time, children's advocates say the system is already too harsh, and they criticize Townsend for making it easier to prosecute juveniles as adults and for opening up juvenile court proceedings to the public.

Both sides agree that the system is overwhelmed and that juveniles are waiting too long to be prosecuted or placed in programs.

If anything, Townsend tends to side with the Republicans in this debate. She does not apologize for opening the courts to public scrutiny or for the increase in juveniles charged as adults. Instead, she worries whether they are being treated severely enough in the adult system and acknowledges that the state needs to do more to improve the juvenile system.

At the same time, she insists the administration has already given the system a new emphasis on public safety and accountability. Juveniles are 60 percent more likely than they were four years ago to receive some type of punishment, she said, and the state has dramatically increased electronic detention and probation for offenders.

"The system has operated under a philosophy of treating kids for almost a hundred years. We're changing that, and that's not going to happen overnight," she said. "But this is not a social service agency anymore."

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Maryland Crime (This graphic was not available) **KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND** At a White House ceremony for a crime initiative, Lt. Gov. **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, right, joins Attorney General Janet Reno and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.) in supporting Suzann Wilson, whose daughter died in Arkansas school shooting.

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HEADLINE: KATHLEEN KENNEDY BRANCHES OFF THE FAMILY TREE -- POLITICS IS IN HER BLOODLINE, BUT SHE KEEPS A LOWER PROFILE

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Kathleen Kennedy was 12 when her uncle, President John F. Kennedy, was killed in Dallas.

Two days after the slaying, her father, Robert F. Kennedy, wrote Kathleen a note urging her to help care for her younger brother Joe and the president's young son, John.

"As the oldest of the Kennedy grandchildren, you have a particular responsibility now - a special responsibility to John and Joe," Bobby Kennedy wrote. "Be kind to others and work for your country. Love, Daddy."

Thirty-four years later, **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Maryland's lieutenant governor**, has learned that it is a lot easier to serve her country than to take responsibility for the members of her famous family.

Once called "the nun" by her younger siblings, Townsend, 46, has had to watch Joe and another brother, Michael, suffer through public criticism of their morality and judgment in recent months.

For a woman who has championed mandatory community service for high-school students, "coerced abstinence" for drug abusers and character education for youngsters, it has been painful.

"Obviously, it's been a tough time for my family. It's been a trying time for the people it's affected," Townsend said.

Michael, 39, is alleged to have had sex with his children's baby-sitter beginning when she was 14. He has admitted only "serious mistakes" in the matter.

Meanwhile, brother Joe, 44, who is U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy II of Massachusetts, was ridiculed after his ex-wife published a book decrying the Catholic annulment he received of their 12-year marriage. He announced he is dropping his bid for governor of Massachusetts, saying he concluded the campaign would focus on family problems.

The brothers' troubles had prompted a flurry of national publications to re-examine the new generation of Kennedys. Newsweek labeled them "A Dynasty in Decline."

Townsend holds a special place among them. Not only the oldest, she is the only female Kennedy to hold elective office.

Joe, she says, has been treated unfairly. After all, it was his wife, Sheila, who wanted the divorce. And he shouldn't be blamed for seeking an annulment to remain in good standing within the Catholic Church. After all, she says, 50,000 Americans a year receive annulments.

As for Michael and the baby-sitter, she has little to say publicly.

Learning at a young age

Kids need values instilled at school, to reinforce what they may or may not be getting at home, she says. High-school students must be required to do community service to teach them the value of public involvement. Juvenile justice, she says, should be handed out in open court to cast public "shame" on children who break the law.

Townsend's earliest memories revolve around politics and government. As a young girl, she went with her mother to the U.S. Capitol to watch her father take part in congressional hearings on union corruption. Around the dinner table, the children were quizzed on current events.

They were reminded of the privilege and special place they enjoyed in the world. Her father, returning from a trip to explore Mississippi poverty, told his children of the extreme conditions he had seen.

"Do you realize how lucky you are?" Bobby Kennedy asked them.

Townsend nominally oversees public safety for Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening. While she helps formulate overall policy, day-to-day control of prison and police issues remains in the hands of Cabinet secretaries. Townsend instead serves as more of a facilitator - oiling the gears of government to make relatively modest new programs work.

"What I like to do is make sure that government works, making sure we're effective," she says. "That often means stopping the bureaucratic turf battles."

Among her successes, she was instrumental in creating a Baltimore "police corps" to attract better educated officers to the force.

She is heading a task force involved in a long-range project to rework the way the state and local governments deliver social services.

And she has championed "character education," a program that uses state and federal funds to train teachers to instill values.

It is, some critics say, the quintessential Kennedy program: using government to perfect the character of the masses.

For Townsend, the program represents a needed effort by government to teach honesty and virtue.

Her speeches, laced with quotes from Thomas Jefferson, Aeschylus and Socrates, can be unpredictable affairs.

While she has cobbled together a solid list of achievements in office, Townsend has struggled to win respect among the state's political establishment. Critics dismiss her as "lightweight."

Many observers regard her as a minor political player, and few say they can visualize a Maryland political future for her after she leaves the lieutenant governor's office.

Townsend declines to discuss any future plans, but says, "I love politics."

Family life

For now, she has enough to handle - serving as lieutenant governor and running for re-election next year.

And Townsend, her staff likes to point out, is the first statewide elected official in Maryland who is a mother. She and her husband, a professor at St. John's College in Annapolis, have four daughters.

David Townsend handles most of the household chores. But it was Kathleen who spent a day in Boston last week packing and moving her oldest child's belongings in preparation for her junior year at Harvard, Kathleen's alma mater.

When Bill Clinton won the White House in 1992, he tapped Townsend to be a deputy assistant attorney general, a mid-level policy position from which she supervised grant awards.

Two years later, in 1994, Glendening surprised the Maryland political world when he asked Townsend, whom he barely knew, to be his running mate.

Now the political futures of the professorial governor and the enthusiastic Kennedy are tethered together as they battle low poll numbers and discontent within their own Democratic Party.

Townsend speaks cautiously about their ability to sell voters on the team's accomplishments - among them gun control, a major tax cut and significant environmental legislation.

"We clearly have to work to get our message out," Townsend says. "The terrific thing is it's a very strong message."

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SECTION: MAGAZINE; Pg. 12**LENGTH:** 3551 words**HEADLINE:** A dynasty's daughter;Ignored in most stories about her generation of Kennedys, **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, lieutenant governor of Maryland**, is making her own mark.**BYLINE:** By Michael Kranish, Globe Staff**BODY:**

The morning sun beats down on a sprawling set of buildings as **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** walks by brightly colored signs marked with arrows and labeled "Alliance Against Abuse." The Democratic **lieutenant governor of Maryland**, trim, coiffed, and dressed in a two-piece business suit, arrives promptly at 8 o'clock with one aide and no local reporters.

Within minutes, before coffee has been poured or a Danish unwrapped, the eldest daughter of Robert F. Kennedy is listening intently to terrifying tales of rape, incest, and other sex crimes. As tears roll down the face of a woman who tells her tale of incest, and as other women weep in shared anguish, Townsend nods her head firmly, then reaches out to comfort members of the group. She orders her aide to take down names to help the victims and promptly promises to make Maryland's justice system more responsive to them.

The timing of the visit has more than a few potentially awkward ingredients. It occurs as Townsend's younger brother Michael Kennedy is facing allegations that he had sex with a baby sitter before she turned 16 and as another brother, Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II, faces questions about the annulment of his first marriage as he prepares to run for governor of Massachusetts. The visit, moreover, comes during a week in which the Kennedy grandchildren have faced a withering examination in the media, including a Newsweek cover story headlined "The Young Kennedys: A Dynasty in Decline."

Townsend, 46, who has played a little-publicized role as the family's trouble-shooter during her brothers' recent problems, is surprised that she has been little more than a footnote to most stories about her generation of Kennedys. She notes that the Newsweek cover, for example, featured six Kennedy males, including her younger brother Max, who has never run for office. But it excluded her, the only Kennedy woman elected to public office.

Despite her position as her state's second-ranking official and her success in making Maryland the only state to make community service a requisite for high school graduation, she does not get the same kind of notice as her more famous siblings and cousins. She is repeatedly referred to as the

un-Kennedy, the quiet Kennedy, Clean Kathleen. When it comes to media attention, she cannot compete with her gregarious brother Joseph, her boisterous uncle Senator Edward M. Kennedy, or her cousin Representative Patrick Kennedy, and certainly not with the glamorous John F. Kennedy Jr. Even some siblings call her "the nun," a reference to her countenance and, in fact, a onetime career goal.

As a longtime friend, White House special counsel Lanny Davis, puts it: "It is not that she is colorless. But she is not colorful. She is normal."

Yet **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** is in many ways the most Kennedy of them all, with more significant accomplishments compiled against tougher odds. Nearly every friend interviewed for this article gave some variation of the following: For all their foibles, it is far easier to be a male Kennedy running for office in Massachusetts (or Rhode Island) than it has been to be a female Kennedy running in Maryland. Yet what is most compelling about Townsend's story is that she - perhaps more than any other member of her generation in the family - has gone to such extraordinary lengths to emulate her father.

"She is most consistent with the best traditions of Bobby and Jack Kennedy," says Charles Peters, the editor of *The Washington Monthly*, which for more than a decade has published Townsend's essays on virtue, morality, and volunteerism. "She has been willing to say that religion and morality play an important part in our lives, which a lot of liberals have not, and she has not betrayed her beliefs."

Indeed, Townsend is a mirror of her father in many ways. Many of her top concerns are culled from his career as a crime-fighting moralist who battled for the underclass and preached the value of citizen service. In a deal arranged by Townsend, the heads of Maryland's prison system and state police department report to her. She created the nation's first state office of "character education," designed to teach values and morality to children. She worked for a decade to require high school students to perform community service in order to graduate, a program that went into full effect this year after teachers' unions dropped their opposition. And as a disciple of her father's distaste for certain welfare initiatives, Townsend has tried to buck the family image of a liberal rubber stamp for such programs.

Nonetheless, Townsend still faces a cascade of questions about whether she can win reelection next year and then run for governor, as aides expect. Her running mate, Governor Parris Glendening, last year was ranked as the nation's least popular governor, leading to speculation that the Glendening/Townsend team may face tough Democratic opposition in the primary campaign next year. Townsend, perceived by some as invisible in the first campaign, is now being given a larger role and is considered crucial to the team's success.

As a result, the most recent round of stories about Townsend's brothers has not come at the best time. But for Townsend, dealing with her family's troubles while running her own life has been a regular balancing act for as long as she can remember. Two days after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Robert Kennedy composed a handwritten letter on White House stationery to his 12-year-old daughter, urging her to look out for the president's son, John F. Kennedy Jr., and her younger brother Joseph II.

"Dear Kathleen," Robert Kennedy wrote. "You seem to understand that Jack died and was buried today. As the oldest of the Kennedy grandchildren, you have a particular responsibility now - a special responsibility to John and Joe. Be kind to others and work for your country. Love, Daddy."

The letter, which is framed and hangs prominently in Townsend's home in the Baltimore suburb of Towson, is a signpost in the life of **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**. From the moment of her uncle's death, and especially since her father's assassination, when she was 16, she has tried to live up to her father's request that she take care of her siblings, especially her younger brothers.

"Right after my father died, I was the oldest and most mature," Townsend says. "There were clearly a lot of challenges. It was a very tough period of time with three teenage boys," Townsend says,

referring to the three oldest: Joseph, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and David A. Kennedy.

That challenge was never greater than in 1979, when Townsend took a dramatic step that has received practically no notice. She tried to save her brother David, who was suffering from a drug and alcohol problem, by filing court papers to become his legal guardian. It was a step she could take only by swearing that he was "not competent," according to a family associate.

"Kathleen tried to save his life by becoming his guardian against his will and forcing him to get treatment," the Kennedy associate says. "It was one of the most difficult things she ever did. But he challenged her in court, and a year later he removed her as legal guardian."

David Kennedy, who once said that "America needs a rest from the Kennedys," died of a drug overdose in a Florida hotel room in 1984. Townsend was devastated by his death, the family associate says. But unlike many family members - some of whom have had their own drug problems - Townsend has frequently mentioned her brother's death to underscore her concern about illegal drug use. Today, officials of the Maryland agency that deals with drug prevention report to her.

After David's tragedy, Townsend has been quick to come to the aid of her brothers Joseph and Michael. Earlier this year, for example, she led the public defense of Joseph by noting that it was not he, but his wife, who had sought a divorce.

Townsend also says she held a series of private conversations to help her family deal with the allegations that Michael Kennedy had sex with a baby sitter before she turned 16 years old. Asked about the conversations, she responds only by saying the matter has been "very sad" and "very hard," adding: "In my family, the oldest child has a special responsibility and duty to be a good sister and to help out my mother and brothers when help is needed."

"She plays an enormous leadership role in the family," says Townsend's husband, David. "When something happens, like with one of her brothers, she is called immediately; she is the one who makes the decision to try to unravel things. Obviously, it hasn't been as hard for us as it has been for some of our relatives." From the very start, Townsend has been associated with the family's tragic history. Born in 1951, she was named after Kathleen "Kick" Kennedy, the sister of Robert Kennedy who died in a 1948 airplane crash. It is said that Robert Kennedy chose the name in memory of his sister but with the condition that his daughter never be referred to by the same nickname, because the affectionate appellation felt too painful.

Perhaps more than any other of the 11 children of Robert and Ethel Kennedy, Townsend strives to be the embodiment of her father's philosophy and speaking style, right down to the way she quotes Greek and talks endlessly about public service. In a telling essay she wrote recently for The Washington Monthly, she says the Greek root of the word "idiot" is idios, meaning a private person who does not engage in public life. When she summarizes this for voters, she tells them, "Don't be idiots!"

All of this, Townsend says, she derives from her father. She revels in describing Robert Kennedy, remembering how she accompanied him to racketeering hearings in Congress, hiked with him in the Oregon wilderness, and joined him in conversations with world leaders at the dinner table.

"My dad had a very special place in his heart for Kathleen," says Joseph Kennedy. "He had a very strong intellectual side of his personality and a moral side . . . and he and Kathleen hooked up in a way that was really quite wonderful between a father and his oldest daughter."

The bond between father and daughter was underscored in the most dramatic fashion one summer day in 1965, when Kathleen Kennedy very nearly became a Kennedy tragedy. Competing in the Barnstable Horse Show, she was thrown from her horse, Attorney General, who landed on top of her with such force that she immediately lost consciousness. Her family feared she was near death.

Robert Kennedy learned of the accident as he was sailing in rough seas on a 70-foot yacht, Neris, off

the coast of Cape Cod. Kennedy arranged for a Coast Guard cutter to pick him up. But 20-foot swells and 40-mile-per-hour winds prevented the cutter from tying up to Kennedy's boat. Afraid he would never see his daughter alive again, Kennedy dived into the roiling waters, horrifying his shipmates, who feared a tragedy would be doubled. For terrifying minutes, Kennedy bobbed in the sea before he finally reached the cutter. Three days later, when Kathleen regained consciousness, the first person she saw was her father.

"Love, devotion, courage - these are clearly what I think of when I think about my father," Townsend says.

A few years later, Townsend took the significant step of leaving Catholic school to enroll in Vermont's Putney School, where she experienced a very different world. On Putney's diverse campus she dealt with President Kennedy's death, and with the aplomb that her father had shown when he dived into the sea on the day she nearly died herself. She decided she would be stoic and show the leadership that her father had instilled in her. This time, in an echo of her horse-riding accident, she was the one who hurried to her father's side. She arrived in the hospital room where he lay, unconscious, just before his death.

"I remember her just before the funeral," says a family friend, Adam Walinsky. Though "you certainly knew this was not a happy time," he says, "I remember her being really composed and in control."

Her anger remains just beneath the surface. During an interview, she is asked about her support for the death penalty. She responds with a perfectly prepared answer about sending a message to potential criminals.

But then she is asked whether she has come to this view because her father's assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, remains in jail to this day, his life spared. As it happens, the question is posed on a day when Sirhan has gone before a parole board and asked - unsuccessfully - to be released from prison.

It is as if the question has triggered a switch inside Townsend. Her face whitens, and she appears near tears. "It's horrible, keeping him alive all these years," she says softly, angrily, as she turns her face aside. After her father's death, Townsend decided that she wanted to devote herself to his ideals, but she had no idea how she might do that. It was 1968, when relatively few women had been elected to federal office.

In 1973, she married David Townsend, who had been a teaching assistant in a history class she took at Harvard. "I thought she might become a potter," her husband says, recalling that she had apprenticed with an Italian pottery artist. Indeed, the bridesmaids' gift was a potting wheel. "As in a lot of families at that time, women were trained to marry professionals rather than be professionals," David Townsend says. "That was certainly true in her family as well."

But Kathleen Townsend, who had earned an undergraduate degree from Harvard College and later received a law degree from the University of New Mexico, began to think about her own career. "It has been a slow process of growth," says David Townsend, who teaches Greek and philosophy at a Maryland college.

After successfully managing Senator Edward Kennedy's 1982 reelection campaign, Townsend served as a policy analyst in the administration of Governor Michael Dukakis. If not for a few twists of fate, Townsend might well have sought to go to Congress from Massachusetts.

"She could have gotten something, but Joe got the family franchise," Walinsky says, noting that Joseph Kennedy was the eldest male. "She moved to Maryland, although it is a lot easier for a Kennedy to get elected in Massachusetts than in Maryland."

Townsend stresses that she moved to Maryland because her husband's family lived there and her own mother, Ethel, lives in nearby Virginia. In any case, in 1986, the same year her brother Joe was elected to the House from a Cambridge district, Townsend ran for a US House seat in a Baltimore

County district. The woman who had once thought of being a nun or a potter had changed dramatically. "The women's movement made an enormous difference in my life," says Townsend, who surprised some observers by supporting abortion rights. "It opened up strengths in me I didn't realize I had. . . . I felt I could be a leader in a way I didn't feel nearly as strongly before."

If Townsend's campaign had been waged in New England, she likely would have won. But in Maryland, despite much-publicized rallies featuring the "Kennedy cousins for Kathleen," the Kennedy name was not enough. She lost to the incumbent, Republican Representative Helen Delich Bentley.

"In Massachusetts, being a Kennedy means nearly everyone knew your grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, or uncle," Townsend says. "In Maryland, it depends on my accomplishments. I have a separate identity." After her defeat, Townsend continued to focus on her family as she plotted her next move. She and her husband have four children: Meaghan, 19, who will be a junior at Harvard in the fall; Maeve, 17, who will be a freshman at Boston College; Rose Katherine, 13; and Kerry, 5. Townsend, a firm believer in natural childbirth, delivered her first three children at home and the fourth at the home of a midwife. When she went into labor with Maeve before a midwife could arrive, her husband delivered the child, biting open the amniotic sac with his teeth, a procedure he had learned from a police emergency manual.

Townsend's political comeback centered on an effort to fulfill her father's belief in citizen service. Beginning in 1987, she worked on a state plan that eventually would require every high school graduate in Maryland to perform 75 hours of community service. For several years, she worked in relative anonymity in a cramped Baltimore office. In 1993, she was appointed deputy assistant attorney general, overseeing a program that provided money to local law enforcement agencies.

Townsend might have faded into political history if it were not for a surprise decision by a Democratic politician named Parris Glendening, the county executive of Prince George's County, a Washington suburb. Glendening told his campaign staff that he wanted to pick a woman from the Baltimore area as his lieutenant governor in the 1994 race. Glendening, who cites Robert Kennedy as one of his childhood heroes, says his staff listed the pluses and minuses of several potential candidates, including Townsend.

"They put a plus - she was a Kennedy," Glendening says, noting such things as Townsend's visibility and fund-raising prowess. "Then they put a negative - she was a Kennedy." The negative, as Glendening explains it, was that "as we all know, some people just don't like the family."

Although Glendening barely knew her - "I knew of her," he puts it diplomatically - he felt a kinship with a woman he discerned as a fellow policy wonk. Glendening and Townsend wound up winning by about 5,000 votes.

The Glendening/Townsend team, however, got off to a rough start. News stories reported that Glendening and some cronies had received lucrative pension benefits from Prince George's County, and Townsend was criticized when she faced a crowd of welfare advocates who were upset with the Glendening administration's plan to eliminate a \$ 35 million program. Glendening also came under attack for state financing of two stadiums for two professional football teams.

Glendening's approval rating plummeted to less than 30 percent. A survey released late last year was particularly embarrassing: It showed that Glendening ranked last among the nation's 50 governors in approval ratings. His ratings recently have risen substantially, but there is still talk that a fellow Democrat might challenge him.

Historically, the **lieutenant governor in Maryland** has been a powerless and little-noticed figure. But Glendening went along with Townsend's wishes and gave her the weighty assignment of overseeing the state's criminal-justice system. In that role, she has pushed through programs on gun control, community policing, prison policies, and drug abuse prevention.

"She will talk about her father, the violence in our community, and say that unless you have suffered

such a personal loss you don't understand what gun violence will do," Glendening says. "You can hear a pin drop when she talks about it. You can close your eyes and almost hear her father; it is almost chilling." A day on the road with Townsend is a window into her political agenda and personal style. After meeting with the group of victims of sexual abuse, Townsend exuberantly leads a two-hour planning session with leaders of various volunteer groups. Then she appears at a campaign event with the governor, standing in front of a sign that says "Glendening/Townsend" - one notably lacking the Kennedy name.

Then it is off to the historic State House, in Annapolis. Townsend greets visitors in her ornate office, which was once occupied by Thomas Jefferson when Annapolis was briefly the nation's capital. The office has the quality of a sun-drenched salon, filled with family mementos and photographs of various Kennedys, especially Robert Kennedy, who in one photo looks particularly pensive on an Oregon beach.

Townsend pumps her staff for information about a report on the number of students who successfully completed 75 hours of community service in this, the year when the program took full effect. In what probably is her biggest success, Townsend won over the Maryland State Teachers Association - some of whose leaders had ridiculed the idea that the daughter of Robert Kennedy would force children into unpaid servitude - after the program was changed to ensure that students could perform the service during class time if they desired. So it is not so surprising when Townsend's staff informs her that 99 percent of those required to perform the service were successful. Considering the years of opposition to the program, Townsend is overjoyed, and her onetime opponents are satisfied.

The Maryland State Teachers Association president, Karl Pence, who recalls how he supported Eugene McCarthy in the 1968 presidential campaign and picketed Robert Kennedy, counts himself as a convert to Kennedy's daughter. "At first, she was less prepared for this level of leadership than you might expect a Kennedy to be," Pence says. "But she has grown. She has been given difficult tasks on criminal justice and community service. She has established herself as Lieutenant Governor Townsend, not just with her Kennedy name."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, 1. Townsend at a State House press conference to announce a \$ 10 million anticrime initiative for **Maryland** neighborhoods. Top: The **lieutenant governor** with her boss, Parris Glendening. 2. The mayor of Annapolis shields Townsend with an umbrella as she talks with residents of a crime-plagued apartment complex. Top: Townsend en route by bus to tour a troubled neighborhood. / PHOTOGRAPHS BY YUNGHI KIM

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Kathleen Kennedy Townsend was not even an hour into her day when she heard the first question about her famous family.

"When are we going to have a Kennedy woman in the White House?" asked Katarina Ellis, one of four Goucher College students meeting with **Maryland's lieutenant governor** this cold February morning.

"Good question," Townsend responded, saying no more.

"What about in Maryland?" Ellis continued. "When are going to see a woman governor in Maryland?"

Again, no response.

Clearly, if the oldest daughter of late U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy wants to talk about her political future, it's not going to be over a bran muffin at the Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson. Especially when she has so many opinions on the subject of this morning's discussion: juvenile justice.

Since faking office as **Maryland's** first female **lieutenant governor** last January, the 44-year-old Townsend has devoted much of her time and energy trying to make good on Gov. Parris N. Glendening's campaign promise to create safer communities in Maryland.

On this particular morning, the discussion centers on juvenile justice, a topic she's been especially interested in since her days with the U.S. Justice Department.

Addressing everything from gun violence to recidivism rates to character education in the public schools, the one-time attorney challenges the Goucher students to take more initiative in curtailing juvenile crime.

"If we're going to deal with problems of crime, we've got to get people involved," she says. "The

police can't do it all themselves."

Townsend arrives at the Sheraton in an unmarked state vehicle at 8:30, dressed in a blue skirt and matching blazer,

The five-minute commute from her Towson home allows Townsend -- who could just as easily have a morning meeting in Annapolis or Montgomery County -- to spend some extra time this day with her husband, David, an instructor at St. John's College in Annapolis, and their three daughters.

Another daughter, Meaghan, is a freshman at Townsend's alma mater, Harvard University.

The session at the Sheraton wraps up around 9:45, but not before Townsend hands out business cards and takes the students' addresses.

(Two days later, Katarina Ellis received a packet of information from the lieutenant governor's office outlining the various programs available for people wishing to get more involved in the state's crime-fighting efforts).

Next stop: Northwood Elementary School in Baltimore City.

Principal Lucy Miller greets Townsend at the entrance.

Some legislator-critics say the position of lieutenant governor is largely ceremonial and should be abolished; the holder of the position, who runs on a ticket with the governor, doesn't really do anything, detractors charge. But it is the second-highest public office in the state.

Nonetheless, Miller asks Townsend to sign the visitor's book -- for security reasons.

Townsend begins a tour of the school, dropping in on a third-grade class.

"Good morning, class," she says.

"Good morning Lieutenant Governor Towson," the children say, botching the name slightly.

Followed by her assistant, Marvin Masterson, she moves on to another third-grade class, where the subject is history.

"Do you ever study the Kennedys?" she asks.

The children look puzzled.

"My mother used to work at the Kennedy-Krieger," says one.

Townsend becomes most animated when she visits a kindergarten class. With a State House photographer looking on, she leads the class in renditions of "Itsy-bitsy Spider" and "I'm a Little Teapot."

Later that morning, she asks a group of children what laws they would like to see passed to make Maryland a better place to live.

"You can't have a child until you get married," says one.

"No guns on the streets," shouts another.

"Close down the gun shops," says a third.

The last comment is a perfect segue for Townsend's stump speech on gun violence -- a speech that

will be repeated throughout the day and later that night at a gun-control rally in Annapolis.

- * Nearly 700 people died from guns in Maryland last year.

- * Maryland has become the source state for guns in the Mid-Atlantic region.

- * To combat gun violence, legislation should be passed limiting handgun sales to one per month.

Later, during the 20-minute drive to downtown Baltimore, Townsend, whose annual salary is \$ 100,000, talks about the crime-fighting bills the Glendening administration has introduced this legislative session.

One is the "truth in sentencing" bill she will testify on later that week in the General Assembly. That bill, she says, would create a criminal justice commission that would recommend ways to keep violent criminals behind bars without overburdening the state prison system.

At noon, Townsend's car, driven by state trooper Bill Johnson, pulls up at the USF&G Corp. building downtown, where the lieutenant governor joins First National Bank of Maryland executive Susan Keating for lunch at the Center Club.

After lunch, she meets briefly with a special education task force in the William Donald Schaefer Tower before finally making the trip down Interstate 97 to her Annapolis office.

It's impressive. On the wall are photos of Townsend with the likes of Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, Tip O'Neill, her uncle, U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, the Reagans, the Clintons, George Bush and her mother, Ethel Kennedy.

There's also an enlarged, framed 15-cent postage stamp of her father and an August 1965 get-well letter from then-President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"We're all so sorry about your accident," begins the letter to Kathleen, who was 14 at the time. "It's no fun to part company with a horse, especially in mid-air."

For most of the afternoon, Townsend remains in her State House office, talking on the telephone to a judge about the truth in sentencing bill, discussing a possible economic development summit with Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce President Linda Cotton, going over staffing and office matters with Chief of Staff Alan Fleishman and getting ready to testify on two bills later in the week.

Then the fun begins.

Between 5:30 and 7:30, Townsend finds herself a guest of honor at no fewer than five functions.

With no speeches prepared, she runs from building to building addressing groups ranging from the Maryland women's legislative caucus to public health students from Johns Hopkins University to members of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce.

Each speech is different, but all end with a plea to attend that night's gun-control rally at 7:30.

She also meets with members of the Prince George's County Democratic Club. Tensions rise slightly when some Democrats blast the Glendening administration for using taxpayer dollars to build two football stadiums and criticize the governor's plan to slash funding for prisoners who want to get high school diplomas.

"In these fiscal times, you have to make some very tough decisions," she says of the cut in funding.

Townsend uses the opportunity to rail against the Republican Congress and takes particular pleasure pointing out that two anti-Republican books--Hillary Clinton's "It Takes a Village" and Al Franken's

"Rush Limbaugh is a Big, Fat Idiot" -- are among the nation's bestsellers.

The final appearances of the night are the most festive, however.

At 7:15, Townsend receives a standing ovation from an auditorium full of state employees rallying in favor of collective bargaining for state workers.

"I sure feel among friends this evening," says Townsend, who supports an administration bill on collective bargaining. "And I come from a family that does not forget its friends."

The room erupts.

Minutes later, she steps out of the Legislative Services building to address the hundreds of people who braved the coldest night of the year to show their support for Glendening's gun-control legislation.

Shortly thereafter, the rally breaks up. After a 12-hour day, **Maryland's lieutenant governor** can go home.

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