

# Clintons Rally Support for Kerry

(AP)— On a night of nostalgia, Democrats wistful for the White House joyously relived the glory days of Bill Clinton and his mastery of American politics. John Kerry should hope to do so well.

The opening night of the Democratic convention brought a one-two punch of political stars, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and her husband. She introduced him as "the last great Democratic president," and by every measure, the adoring audience thunderously agreed.

Delegates jumped up, screamed, applauded and waved banners. "Calm down," Clinton said halfheartedly. Four years ago, Clinton left office with an approval rating in the mid-60s and it remains above the 60 mark today - much higher than President Bush or Kerry, for that matter.

Combining self-deprecating humor with sharp-elbow jabs, Clinton skewered Bush and tried to protect Kerry's flanks from Republican attacks - particularly accusations that the Democratic candidate is weak on national defense and not tough enough for the war against terrorism.

"During the Vietnam War, many young men, including the current president, the vice president and me, could have gone to Vietnam and didn't," Clinton said. "John Kerry came from a privileged background. He could have avoided

going too, but instead, he said: 'Send me.'"

Clinton had used the same line at an \$11 million fund-raising dinner for the Democratic National Committee in March but no one objected to the repetition.

While the presidential race is deadlocked in most polls, Bush's leadership of the war on terror is his strongest selling point with voters, by a strong double-digit margin. Clinton addressed the issue head-on, drawing some of the loudest applause of his speech.

"Their opponents will tell you we should be afraid of John Kerry and John Edwards, because they won't stand up to the terrorists," Clinton said. "Don't you believe it. Strength and wisdom are not opposing values. ... They go hand in hand, and John Kerry has both. His first priority will be to keep America safe."

In keeping with the convention dictum to avoid hard Bush-bashing, Hillary Clinton took some swipes at the president but mostly by inference. The New York senator said Kerry would "lead the world, not alienate it. He will lower the deficit, not raise it. He will create good jobs, not lose them."

The convention is Kerry's show and Clinton's assignment was to whip up the crowd without stealing the limelight.

Kerry is not a dynamic speaker like the Clintons and he lacks their



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., greets her husband, former President Bill Clinton after introducing him to delegates at the Democratic National Convention, Monday, July 26, in Boston. (AP Photo)

deft touch connecting with voters. It will be a challenge for him to show the energy, passion and personal appeal of his warmup speakers.

"Bill Clinton is one of the great orators of modern times, and he also has the benefit of having

given four high-profile speeches before," said Bruce Reed, president of the Democratic Leadership Council.

Good thing for Kerry, then, that several days separated the speeches.

# Cheney's Visit Sparks Protest

An anti-war protest coincided with Vice President Dick Cheney's speaking event in Portland, Monday, July 26.

While Cheney raised funds for the Republican party at the Embassy Suites Hotel in northeast Portland, protesters outside chanted, "He lied, they died! Bring the troops home now!"

This is Cheney's second stop in Portland this year. "Dick Cheney was at the

very center of Bush's campaign of lies and fear mongering that defrauded our country into the attack in Iraq," said William Seaman, a spokesperson for Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, the group organizing the protest.

Presidential and vice presidential candidates John Kerry and John Edwards announced that Portland is on the map for an upcoming campaign stop, though a date has not been set.

# Perez Family Sues for \$10M

A civil rights lawsuit totaling \$10 million was filed Monday against Portland Police Officers Sean Macomber, and Jason Sery, as well as the city of Portland.

Those related to James Jahar Perez, who was shot and killed by the officers in the St. John's neighborhood of north Portland, said he was pulled over because of his race and the expensive car he drove.

Officers testified at a public hearing that they believed Perez

was armed and they feared for their lives. No weapons were found on Perez or in his car.

Meanwhile, the FBI is continuing to conduct a civil rights investigation following the police shooting death of Kendra James in May of 2004, less than a year before Perez's death.

James, too, was unarmed and African American.

That investigation is still ongoing and a spokeswoman for the FBI said it's not unusual for such cases to take years to resolve.

# Foxworth Sets the Tone

continued from Front 2000, Foxworth said.

The training will include Taser education, firearms and patrol tactics, crisis intervention training, including responding to people with mental illness, legally-required first aid and legal updates from the district attorney's office.

Time was not carved out for cultural competency training in these 40 hours, but Foxworth says he's looking at ways to address it at the precinct level.

The in-service training rounds out with an hour with the chief, to align officers' vision with Foxworth's. Again, this vision returns to community policing.

"Community policing is not an option; it's a way of business. If anyone in this bureau wants to be successful they should practice community policing or its going to be a bumpy ride," he said.

The deep-seated attitude of the police officer being a problem solver and peacekeeper goes back to the

fundamentals of why Foxworth joined the ranks.

"People become police officers because they care, because they want to make a difference and because they want to help people. You're not going to get rich doing this job."

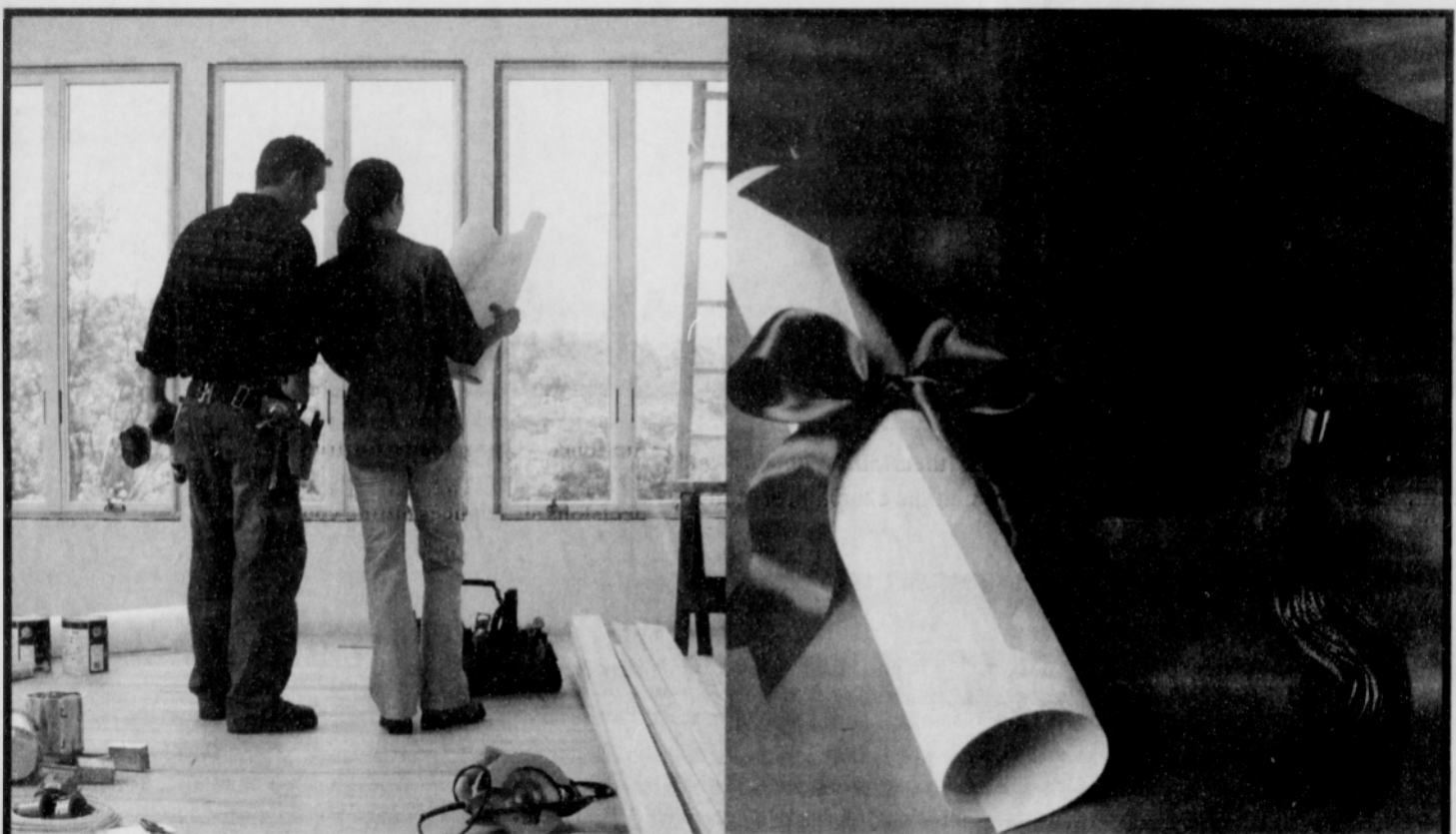
Foxworth also noted a cooperative relationship that's being fostered with the officer's union.

"Whatever decisions I make have to be in the best interests of the organization and best for the citizens that we serve," he said.

Foxworth says he's not afraid to be unpopular and controversial.

"I'm not afraid to make decisions that are controversial because I have to be true to myself and my values," he says. "I'm not so tied to this job that I'm concerned with having it tomorrow or the next day or next week or next year. My decisions have to be consistent with community policing."

He added, "I'm not running for office."



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