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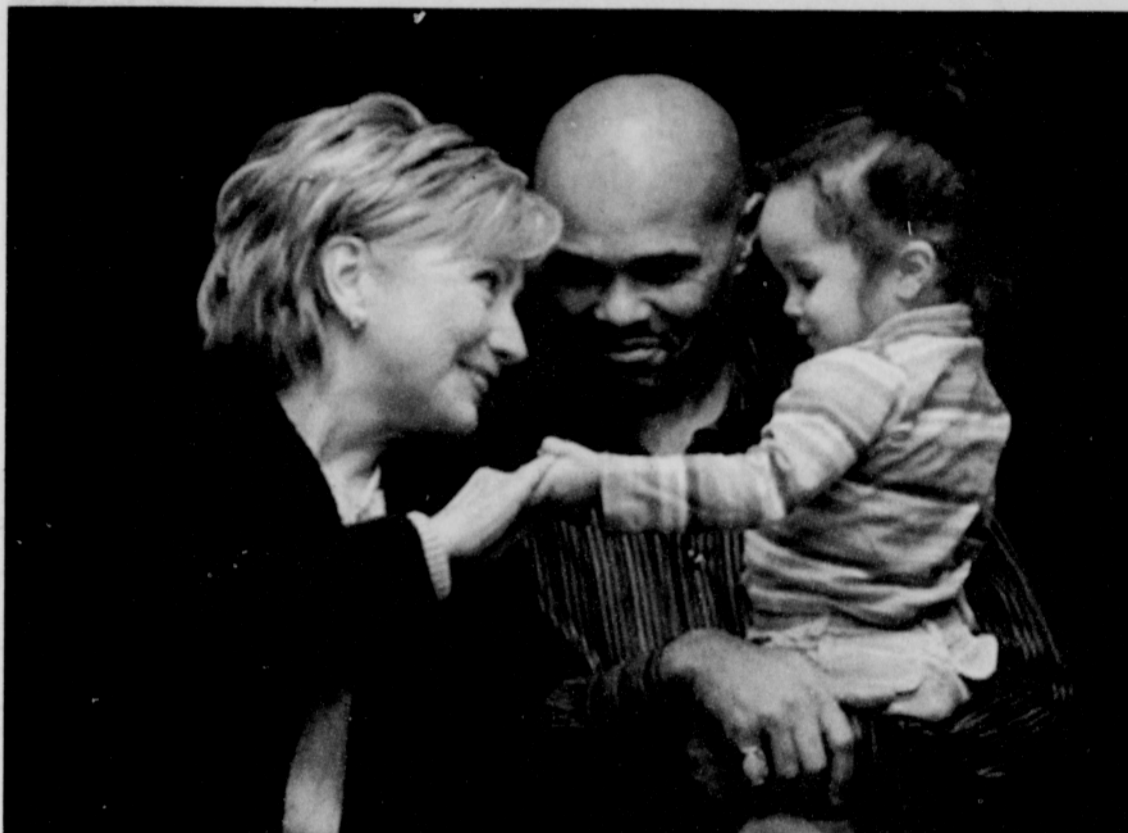
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Clinton: 'In it to Win'



U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., holds the hand of one-year-old Olivia Harden as Olivia's father Bobby holds her during an appearance in New York Sunday, a day after announcing her race for the White House. (AP photo)

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rize the invasion in 2002 and has refused to call for a date-certain removal of troops — has alienated many Democratic activists, who vote heavily in primaries.

Howard Wolfson, a senior adviser to Clinton, conceded Monday that there were those who didn't like her. But, he told CBS' "The Early Show." "For people who wonder whether Senator Clinton can win, we say Senator Clinton is already winning in the polls."

Terry McAuliffe, a former Democratic Party chairman who has joined her campaign, said one of Clinton's challenges is to get people to know her.

He also said he did not believe there was any concept such as Clinton fatigue in the U.S. electorate.

"People look very fondly upon those eight years of the Clinton administration," McAuliffe said on NBC's "Today" program. He said that one advantage Clinton has over her Democratic rivals is that "She knows every world leader on a first-name basis, and that's what we need ... Americans want to know that

their president can keep them safe."

Clinton was scheduled to travel to Iowa, site of the first nominating caucuses this weekend.

"I want to have a conversation with our citizens about what we want for our country," Clinton said.

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Clinton said she would introduce legislation to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to all families who need it, regardless of income.

Clinton said she decided to run after talking to family, friends and supporters since her re-election in November.

"I concluded, based on the work of my lifetime and my experience and my understanding of what our country has to confront in order to

continue to make opportunity available to all of our citizens here and to restore our leadership and respect of America around the world, that I would be able to do that — to bring our country together to meet those tough challenges," she said.

Clinton and Obama are the most visible candidates in a field that includes the 2004 vice presidential nominee, John Edwards. Other candidates include Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd, former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson who would be the first Hispanic president, jumped in Sunday; Delaware Sen. Joe Biden has said he is running and would formalize his decision soon.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW GINN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
 Marcy Wickman constructs industrial piping systems from stainless steel and plastic tubing for companies like Intel.

Breaking Barriers in the Trades

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Connie Ashbrook, director of Oregon Tradeswomen, says Wickman's experience is typical of women apprenticeships in some ways, less so in others.

"The biggest single barrier we have is women not knowing that these trades even exist," she says. "For many years the trades had more white males than they needed, so they weren't great about doing outreach. The sec-

ond biggest barrier is finding consistent work. Jobs are found through traditional networks. If you're not part of the in-group, you might not be part of the core group that goes from job to job."

Men on the job site are "mostly supportive and welcoming" to women workers, Ashbrook says. "Occasionally you'll find a bad apple, a bully who wants to pick on someone. Sometimes you'll encounter a group of these folks who have almost a gang mental-

ity." However, she adds, this is relatively rare.

Oregon Tradeswomen offers a pre-apprenticeship program that prepares candidates for what they will find. Construction companies such as Anderson, Hoffman and Walsh have hosted field trips that allow women to see what a construction site is like. The program helps women acquire boots, tools and drivers licenses, mentoring and support, "a shoulder to cry on and applause for success."