

CLINTONS & GORE HEADLINING EVENT

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WASHINGTON - President Clinton, Vice President Gore and Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton hope to raise \$2.2 million in New York tonight for their party, marking the first time this campaign the troika has shared a stage.

All three plan to speak at the dinner at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers during the event sponsored by the Democratic National Committee.

Earlier in the day, the President will attend a \$500,000 luncheon fund-raiser for GOP-turned-Democrat Rep. Mike Forbes, even though the one-time Long Island Republican voted to impeach Clinton.

The spotlight, however, will be on the highly anticipated, side-by-side-by-side appearance of the **Clintons** and Gore, which comes as the President is under fire by the GOP and some Democrats over the handling of the Elian Gonzalez custody case.

The President and First Lady share the opinion that the Justice Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service pursued the right legal course, but Gore has said the case should be settled in family court and not by immigration officials.

But aides to all three say those differences will give way for a Democratic lovefest expected to draw 1,000 partisans.

"Al Gore has had this position since December and January, so people know Al Gore is in a different place than the administration on this particular issue," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane.

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