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ration day to learn that a security gate for the purple section had malfunctioned. They stood at the gate with about 1,000 people for three hours and talked to a couple and their niece, a mother and her three sons, a newly-married couple and college students.

Although the Clearys were denied access into the capital grounds because the equipment would not work, they listened to Obama's speech through the Blackberry phone of a man in the crowd. After the speech, Jack Cleary told the man, an African-American, that when he was in the Army in the late '60s his unit traveled from Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. to Fort Leonardwood in Waynesboro, Mo. and couldn't stop because no restaurant would serve every member of the unit. The man told Jack Cleary that he had made the same trip a few



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Dallas residents Jack and Marianne Cleary, center, are shown with two members of the musical group Sister Sledge at the Pennsylvania State Society Ball at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Clearys received tickets to the presidential inauguration from Sen. Bob Casey, but were not able to get into the capital grounds due to the malfunction of security equipment at their section's gate.

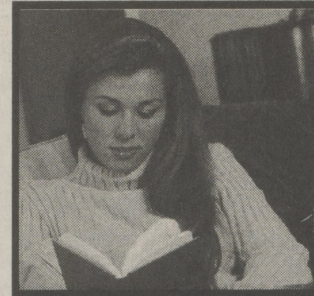
months later. "We just looked at each other and there was a passing of knowledge of how positive the country was able to change," Jack Cleary said of the moment.

After the inauguration, the

Clearys attended a small reception in Senator Casey's office in the Senate Russell Office Building. In the evening, they went to the Pennsylvania State Society Ball at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

"It would have been nice (to

be on the capital grounds), but I don't know that it would have been any nicer than those dozen people we stood and listened with," Jack Cleary said. "We just looked at each other and I think we were proud to be Americans and witness this in our lifetime. I'm still a Republican and I still like John McCain, but I think so many people are hopeful going forward."



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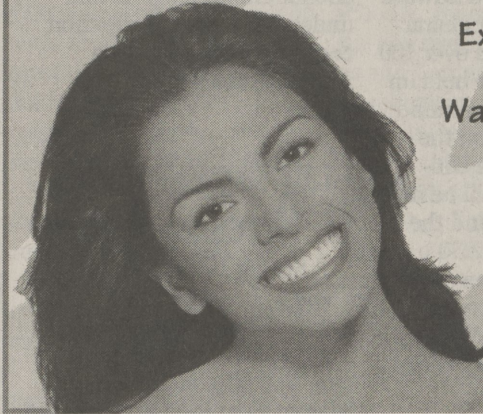
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