

To The Editor,

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Time for New Year's predictions and while I don't usually have a clue where we will be one year hence, this year I am confident enough to bet on it. Now I'm a Conservative and you would think that with Democrats dominating this year's election that I would be forecasting rain, pestilence and locusts but such is not the case.

Think back to when Hillary Clinton started her first Senate campaign. I remember because I was very negative about what her first term would bring. She said she was tired of New York's tax dollars going to Washington ...and staying there. We weren't getting our fair share of the Federal pie. Back then I questioned her sincerity because after all she had just come from eight years in the White House so wasn't that her fault? At least partly? At the time I thought: "When she's in Washington she wants all our tax dollars to go there and when she's in New York, she wants it all here." I was right to be negative about her first term. Republicans held the purse strings and I don't think they were real eager to share it with New York Liberals.

But now the Democrats control Congress and you can bet the farm that money for all kinds of projects will make its way to New York. I don't know who will receive how much but you can bet that if you are a friend of Hillary, you will be sitting pretty. People like George Soros will be investing their money in New York enterprises as well. And it will have a trickle down affect so that even those of us who are not connected will share in the bounty.

Don't get me wrong. I don't think that investing tax dollars into the economy is sound economic policy. I am just being pragmatic about the short term success of that policy. And it only has to be a short term success because Hillary will be out of here in 2008 if; 1. The rest of the country falls in line. 2. Mrs. Clinton keeps to the right on Iraq and we are not hit with another terrorist attack. 3. The Republicans think that the way back to victory is to continue to lean to the left (IDIOTS!) And I am not going to make any predictions about those three ifs. - DRC