

THERE are many pitfalls in the path of Hillary Rodham Clinton's unprecedented bid to run for the Senate while first lady. Not the least of them is having to answer for her husband's policies - as in the damaging kerfuffle about amnesty for Puerto Rican terrorists.

I think there's worse down the track. It appears the reason former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been spending so much time in New York lately is that he's all but finished his book and is shopping it to pub-

I understand Bibi will accuse Bill Clinton of betraying him at the Wye River talks. He'll portray the president as an untrustworthy scoundrel willing to compromise the security of Israel to win foreign-policy points.

Charges of this nature would put Hillary in the same box as the Puerto Rican debacle either she repudiates her husband's anti-Netanyahu actions or she suffers electorally for them.

Of course, Netanyahu could do even more

Newport news

THE last summer tourists have gone and the gentry of Newport, R.I., are now reclaiming their hallowed turf. The parties continue behind the walls of Bellevue Avenue and at the super-exclusive Bailey's Beach Club. One of the season's most beautiful bashes was the black-tie dinner given the other night by Maureen and John Donnell in the garden of their estate, Ker Avor.

Then there was Ala (daughter of comatose Sunny Von Bulow) and Ralph Ishman's beach party at Bailey's, at which some of the younger set actually kicked off their Topsiders.

On a more serious note, Barton Gubelmann, Oatsie Charles and Evie (Annenberg) Hall tomorrow will fill up a plane with their chums and fly to Cambridge, Mass., for lunch and a tour of the Whitehead Institute, one of the world's leading biomedical research centers.

Some of the Newporters still making the rounds include Helen and Jack Winslow, Jackie and Nicky Drexel, former Rhode Island Sen. Claiborne Pell, Martha and Dick Honnewell, Alexander Von Auersberg (another of Sunny Von Bulow's kids), the Frederick Princes, Diana and John Slocum and Ruth and Edward Wheeler. Society bandleader Bob Hardwick has played at lots of their parties and always gets a laugh when he starts into the song "Poor Little Rhode Island."



David Bowie looks down and out as the clown from his 1980 "Scary Monsters" album puts a stranglehold on him yesterday in Central Park. The close encounter with the choker joker will be part of the video for "The Pretty Things Are Going to Hell," which, Bowie tells The Post, should be on MTV in three weeks. Kevin Mazur

'Saint' marching in

SHE'S one of the few independent producers left on Broadway, and Terry Allen Kramer ("Sugar Babies," etc.) is determined to keep the hits coming. Terry, of the Wall Street Allens, is now working on "A Saint She Ain't," a musical parody of MGM's morale-boosting World War II films. Directed by Ned

Tsunami-mous with party

CALVIN KLEIN, Ross Bleckner and Barry Diller were making lots of waves as they partied all night at East Hampton's Tsunami over the holiday weekend. Society shutterbug Patrick McMullan was there and may have some great shots.

Peter Jennings is more into jazz and was at Bridgehampton's Wild Rose grooving on the music of Chico Hamilton.