

After the Storm

Americans of goodwill help battered Honduras recover from Mitch's assault



The Bayman Bay Club resort on the island of Guanaja (above, pre-Mitch) lost 13 of 20 guest cabins to the storm.

The name is deceptively benign, more appropriate to a favorite uncle than to an agent of mass destruction. But when Hurricane Mitch tore through Central America late last month, it left in its wake a toll far greater than the estimated \$4 billion in property damage. More than 10,000 people died, most of them in Honduras, with hundreds of thousands still at risk from disease. Another 10,000 are missing, and millions are homeless. In response, President Clinton pledged \$80 million in humanitarian aid to complement the million-plus tons of clothes, food, bottled water and medicine that have already been sent by U.S. agencies overwhelmed by calls from people wanting to help. "Never in our history have we had this volume of calls—100,000 in a five-day period," said Ann Stingle of the American Red Cross. "Because it was in our backyard, Americans have responded." What follows are four stories from Honduras of charity, bravery and the will to survive.



A Paradise Lost

As guests and staff take refuge in bunkers, Mitch turns an island resort into a landscape of ruin and death

In the brilliant morning sun on the tiny Caribbean island of Guanaja, 25 miles north of mainland Honduras, Don Pearly strokes Pepito, a scarlet macaw that has lost many of his extravagant tail feathers. "He was so nervous during the storm, he plucked them out," explains Pearly, 61, manager of the island's Bayman Bay Club, where Pepito is mascot. "But he's luckier than most of the island's wildlife. The other day I found a flock of green parrots on the ground, all dead." The island itself didn't fare much better. Once a verdant hideaway, it has been transformed into a gray-brown wasteland. "It's as if a giant smashed it," says Pearly's wife, Eli, 48, "then took a blowtorch to all the trees, plants and grass."

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by Nancy Perry Graham

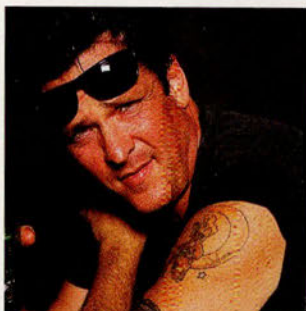
Elizabeth Taylor wore red, the late Roddy McDowall's favorite color, at the Nov. 15 party she threw at her L.A. home for about 100 of the actor's closest friends. McDowall, who died on Oct. 3, specified that he did not want a public funeral or a formal memorial service but agreed to a private gathering. Taylor's guests, who included **Gregory Peck**, **Jack Lemmon**, **Anjelica Huston** and **Liam Neeson**, were moved to tears with a version of "Amazing Grace" by a Scottish bagpiper and later shared funny stories about McDowall. Taylor was in good form. "She was very funny, very raucous and very loving when talking about Roddy," said one guest. All of McDowall's personal papers and photographs will be sealed for 100 years. The reason, he told singer **Michael Feinstein**, who also attended Taylor's party, was that "in 100 years, it will no longer be gossip."

Michael Madsen (*Donnie Brasco*), who plays a vigilante on *Vengeance Unlimited*, the ABC series that launched this fall, is in a court battle of his own. Madsen, who has been divorced from his second wife, **Jeannine**, for four years (and has since remarried), was recently awarded temporary primary custody of their two children, ages 4 and 8,

after a court-appointed therapist for the kids and a therapist working with Jeannine jointly submitted a suspected child-abuse report against her. Jeannine's lawyer stresses that no determination of child abuse has been made, and that on Dec. 11 there will be a full hearing in L.A. based on an investigation by the Department of Children's Services. At that time permanent custody will be decided. "This incident has been blown way out of proportion, and I expect to be cleared when the investigation is completed," says Jeannine.



Mary Jo Slater catches son Christian's act on Broadway.



Michael Madsen finds himself in a child custody battle.

Christian Slater, who has been getting rave reviews for his performance in *Side Man*, his first Broadway role in 15 years, was a bit startled after his first preview show when his mom, **Mary Jo Slater**, a casting director in L.A., showed up with 10 family friends who had known Christian since he was in diapers. "We all went upstairs and congratulated him one at a time. He was overwhelmed," says Mary Jo, adding that during her trip to Manhattan she and her son wandered through the city and had "the best time we have spent together in a long while."

Critics who groused that the new fantasy *Meet Joe Black*, costarring **Brad Pitt** and **Anthony Hopkins**, was too long at three hours, would have enjoyed director **Martin Brest's** reaction to his own film at its New York City premiere: At one point, he fell asleep. "I had been working around the clock for weeks and weeks and weeks before the premiere," says Brest. On the plus side, he says, "I was just so happy we had a copy of the movie to show to the audience."

Additional reporting
by Hugh McCarten



Roddy McDowall (with Elizabeth Taylor in 1985) is remembered.



"It used to be a slice of heaven," says Eli Pearly (with husband Don). "But we're alive. We survived."

Miraculously, only 8 of Guanaja's 9,000 inhabitants were killed. Still, the living tell harrowing tales. Four American couples came to the Bayman Bay Club for an idyllic week of diving, fishing and strolls on the beach only to find themselves fighting for four desperate days just to survive. "It was the most horrific experience of our lives," says Greg Haslinger, 31, of Spring, Texas. The weather was calm on their first day, Oct. 25, though in retrospect, Haslinger's wife, Lori, 27, recalls ominous signs. "We did three dives, and there were no fish where it should have been thick with them," she says. "Maybe they knew what was coming."

That evening the vacationers enjoyed a lively beach barbecue and limbo dance, unconcerned because Mitch was so far north. The following day, unexpectedly, the storm veered directly toward them, and guests and staffers were herded into two concrete-reinforced cabins. By that night Mitch was blowing gusts up to 280 mph,

moaning, says Pearly, "like a deep pipe organ." The Pearlys, Haslingers and nine others, huddled in their 15-by-25-foot shelter. With water seeping through the walls to pool on the floor, the metal door shut tight and mattresses covering the windows, it was dank as a tomb and nearly as suffocating. "Whenever we thought the wind had eased," Lori says, "we tried opening the door a crack, all of us getting close to get a whiff of air."

On Oct. 29 the skies lightened, and it seemed Mitch had passed. But it was only the hurricane's eye. Not until two days later was it safe to emerge. "We walked out in a daze, as if we were the first visitors to Mars," says Don Pearly. The guests left for home, while the others were left to piece the Bayman Bay Club back together.

Amid the ruins were signs of hope. In the hollow of a broken tree, Eli Pearly found a newborn kitten, which she named Baby Mitch. "He's the new beginning," she says. "Little by little all the beauty will return." ●

Clearing the Way

Seabee Kathryn Allen, head of the Navy's relief force, helps clean up the wreckage and reopen the roads



"I have a wonderful job," says Allen (in Honduras). "We have the chance to make other people's lives easier."

When a 126-member unit of the U.S. Navy's Second Naval Construction Brigade, otherwise known as the Seabees, cleared a dirt road to an isolated village in central Honduras, it didn't take long to see the fruits of their labor. "It allowed the first vehicle in weeks to deliver food and drinking water," says Lt. Comdr. Kathryn Allen, the officer in charge of the Navy's disaster-relief efforts in Honduras. "An old lady gave me a big hug and lots of thank-yous. The whole town—men, women, kids and donkeys—all came out to greet us."

At 34, Allen, who grew up with three younger brothers in Smyrna, Ga., is an 11-year Navy veteran who worked in the Philippines after the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo and in this year's clean-up efforts in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Georges. Though being female makes her a rarity in the Seabees, it also brings a unique perspective to her work. "I'd like to be a real mom someday," says Allen, who is so far single. "In the meantime, that doesn't mean I can't feel maternal toward my job and my troops."

Written by Richard Jerome and Susan Schindehette
Reported by Ron Arias in Honduras



"The world is full of this kind of people," says Turley (in the Honduran capital with a pal). "They need help, even just for a little while."

Turley is welcomed by hungry children at a crowded local orphanage.



Delivering the Goods

Globe-trotting relief worker Tom Turley rides through the rubble, bringing vital supplies to those whose homes were destroyed

Boyish despite thinning hair, relief worker Tom Turley, 33, navigates the shards of wood, glass and metal that litter a hillside in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, where José Hernández's house once stood. "I'm sorry," Turley says in Spanish, surveying the scarred earth after delivering a package of beans, cooking oil and baby food. "I'm lucky," replies Hernández, 27, an artisan. "We're all alive." Four children in his neighborhood died when the terra-cotta roofs of their homes collapsed in torrential rain and buried them. Of their own ordeal, Norma, 28, Hernández's wife, recalls, "The house began to move. Right after we left, it started to slide away, then collapsed and disappeared under the mud." She, José and their daughter, Marlen, 5, now share a converted classroom with two other families.

"They're living way out on the edge," says Harrison, N.Y., native Turley, a veteran of a dozen relief missions for the non-profit group AmeriCares. Single, he relaxes by rock climbing and running with the bulls at Pamplona, Spain. "I like to push the edge, too," he says. "But the big difference between me and José Hernández is that I can *choose* to live dangerously."

The Last Detail

To comfort the living, Harry Oakes Jr. and his search dog Valorie hunt for the dead

Harry Oakes Jr. knows his search along the rubble-strewn banks of the Choluteca River is futile. "We won't find anyone still alive," says the 42-year-old professional search-and-rescue expert from Portland, Ore., who paid his own way to Honduras. "But at least maybe we'll bring some peace to families who want to bury their loved ones." At his side is Valorie, a 4-year-old search dog who, in 988 missions following avalanches, earthquakes and bombings, has found 117 people and 264 pets—some dead, some alive. On this trip, the Border collie-kelpie mix, whom Oakes trained after finding her at the pound, has located more than a dozen bodies. "She's done excellent work," says Oakes, a former police officer, "but it's been a tough, tough day."

Just a week before, this divorced father of a 16-year-old son was watching news of the Honduran devastation from his living room. Now, the lingering scent of death is taking its toll on man and dog. Valorie is "very depressed and jittery. She shows it by whining and barking," says Oakes. As for her master? "When so much death gets to me," he says, "I cry—and keep working."



"Valorie gets all the credit," says Oakes (at work). "I only wish we could have gotten here sooner."

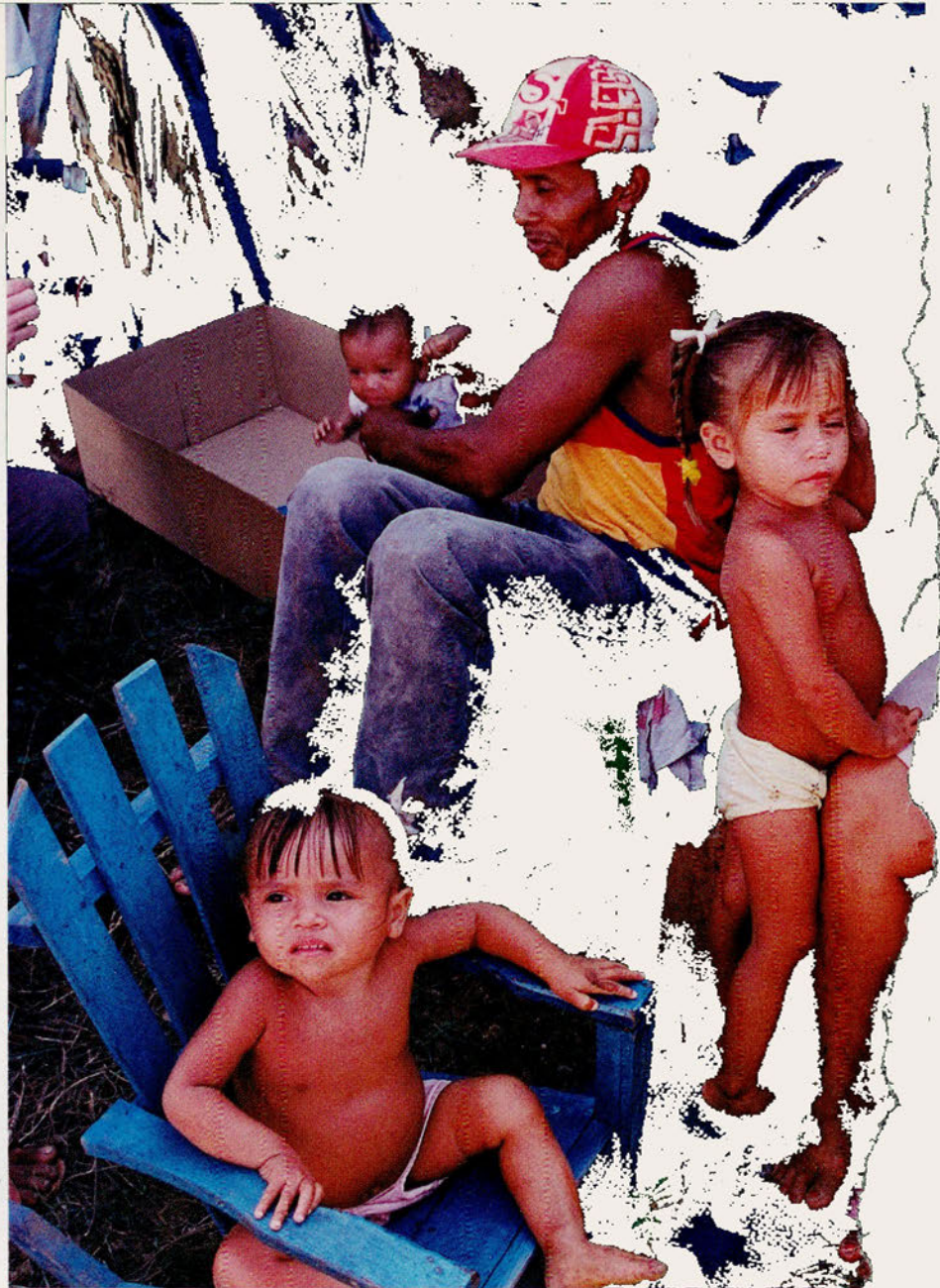
Being There

Tipper Gore's photographs tell the story of a ravaged people's refusal to quit



GREGORY BULLAP

"The country is devastated, but not the people's spirit," says Gore (in Honduras).



Like so many Americans who watched from afar, Tipper Gore was horrified by the human misery caused by Hurricane Mitch. But for the wife of the Vice President, the involvement didn't end there. On Nov. 10, at the President's request, Gore led a 10-person delegation to hard-hit areas of Honduras and Nicaragua, bringing food, water and medical supplies. "We wanted to bring aid and show solidarity," she told PEOPLE. "But we also were there just to comfort people." After arriving in Tegucigalpa, "we shoveled mud out of a local school for hours so it could be used as a medical facility, and fed rice and beans to the hungry." That night, along with Honduran First Lady Mary Flake de Flores, she slept in a military tent. "I talked to a woman who was six months pregnant and had lost her husband, and to a middle-aged man who was blind," she says. "Everyone had a story of where they were the night the river came." Gore, 50, a professional photographer, captured these images and spoke with correspondent Margery Sellinger about the scenes of loss and courage she witnessed. ●

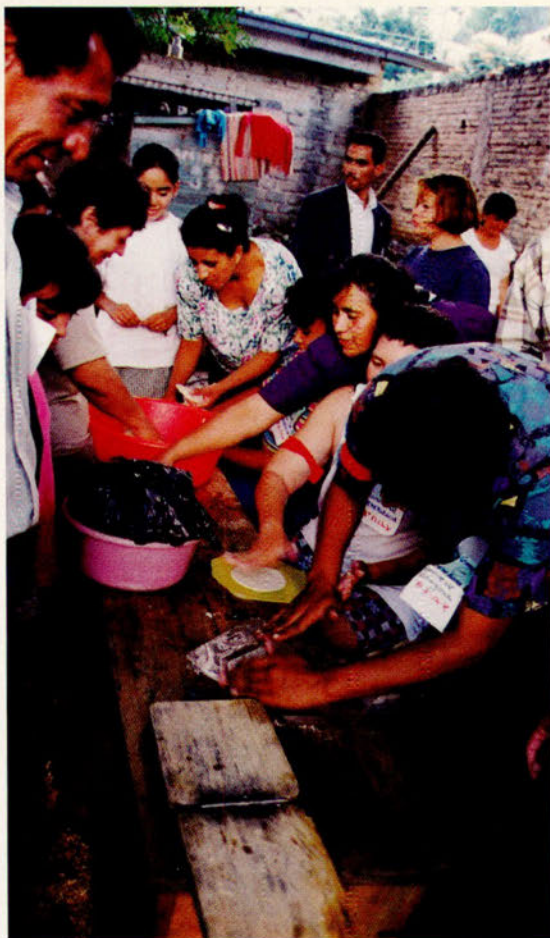
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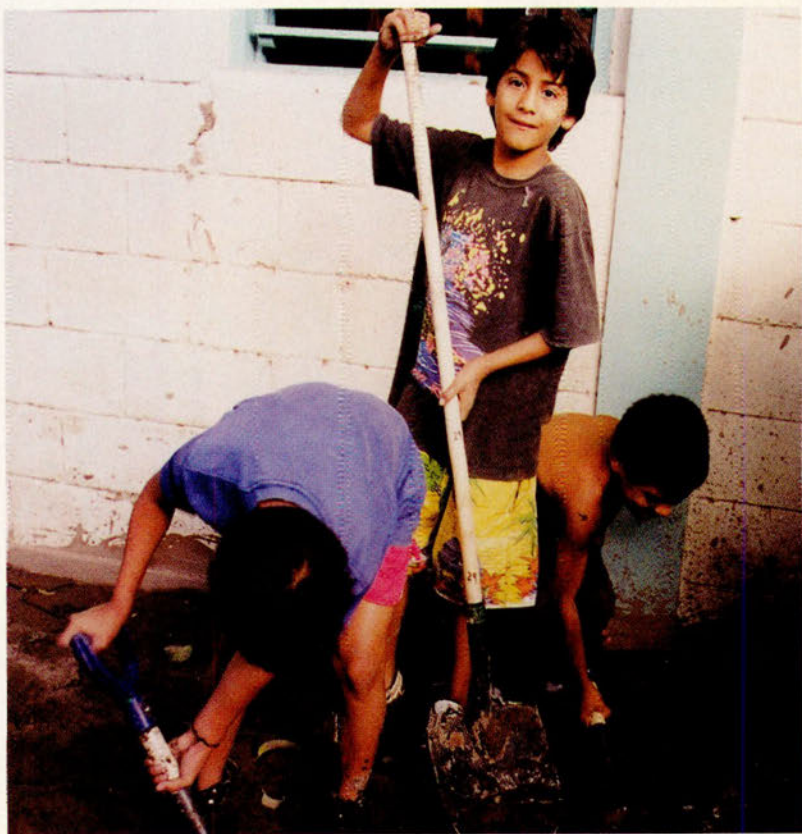
“This family in a refugee camp outside Managua had only what they could scavenge, including a box for the baby to sleep in. Tons of this dark plastic sheeting from the U.S. are being used with twine to make the barest shelter.”

“The woman in yellow at this shelter had several children who were asleep. She was crying, and the other woman, Mary Flake de Flores, the First Lady of Honduras, was just holding her—comforting her in her arms.”



“In the Barrio el Chile near Honduras’s capital, people had organized a feeding center, and these women taught us how to make tortillas. At the left is Juan, a community leader. There was a spirit of ‘We’re in this together and we’ll get through it.’ Kids were taking care of other kids.”

“I was amazed that people weren’t overcome by sadness. Most had lost homes or somebody in their family. In this neighborhood near Tegucigalpa we shoveled mud out of a school. I didn’t know when people had slept last, but the kids were pitching in as much as we were.”



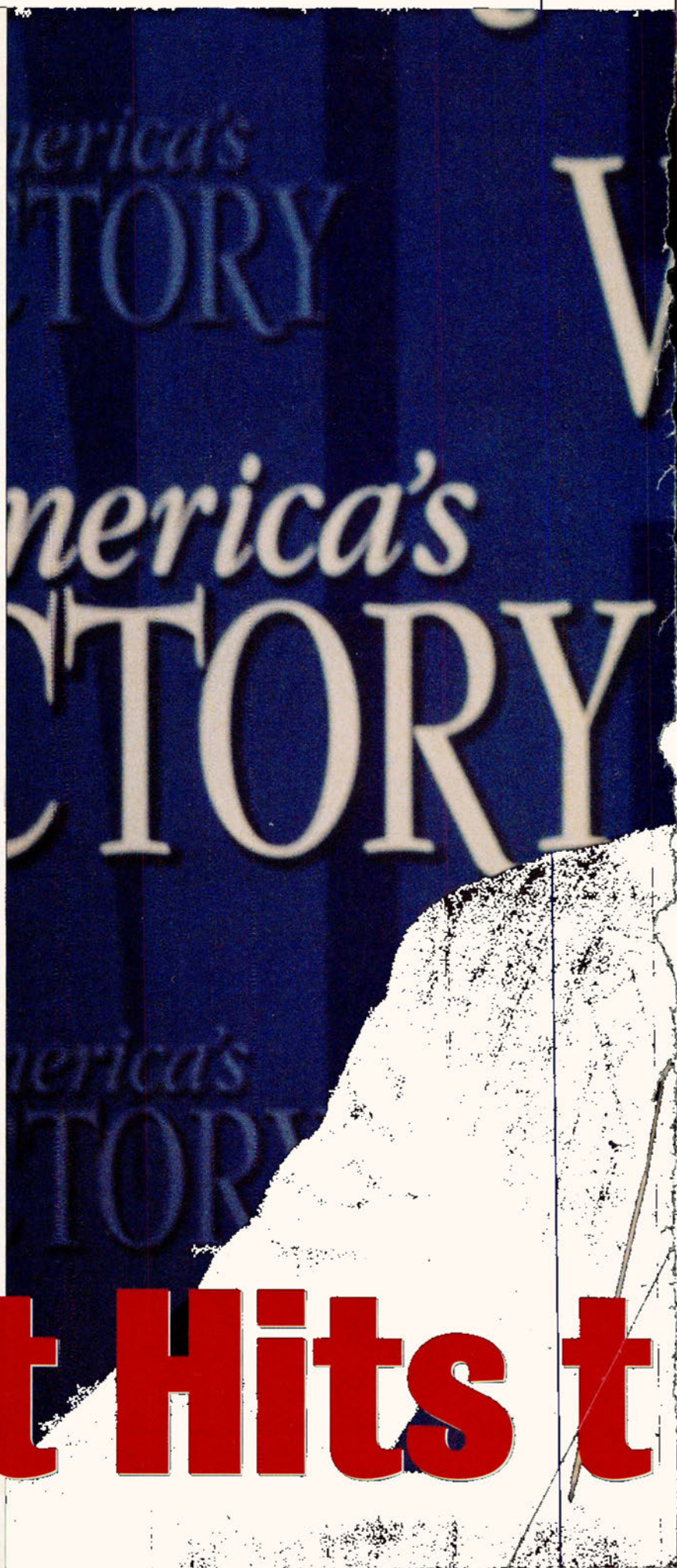


NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Stung by defeat, abandoned by his team, Gingrich abruptly quits. The story of his long rise—and quick fall. BY HOWARD FINEMAN AND MATTHEW COOPER

FROM THE BREAK OF DAWN IN THE suburbs of Atlanta, the speaker of the House was a man under siege—not from the pundits, not from the presidential spin doctors, but from his fellow Republicans. Before breakfast early last Friday, the fax machine in Newt Gingrich's home sprang to life with an ultimatum from an erstwhile friend, Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana, courtly chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. The text was straightforward: delegate power if you want to keep your job. Newt, meanwhile, was already at his district office making phone calls to gauge his dwindling support. One call was to Rep. J. C. Watts of Oklahoma, a protégé and an admirer—and a former star quarterback. "How do you deal with this kind of situation?" a saddened Gingrich asked, Watts later told *NEWSWEEK*. "In football," Watts replied, "when your team loses, they bench you, the quarterback. It's painful—I've been there—but that's just the way it is."

And that, with stunning swiftness, was the way it soon was. Newt Gingrich was the loser, and suddenly out of the game. It was the astonishing denouement to an election season born in scandal and shot through with



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PERSPECTIVES

"I'm not willing to preside over people who are cannibals."

Newt Gingrich, after announcing he won't seek re-election as House speaker and will leave Congress



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"I'd love to get him in the ring one time before he becomes president." **Hulk Hogan**, on former pro wrestler Jesse (The Body) Ventura, governor-elect of Minnesota

"It's time to rotate the crops." Campaign slogan of Iowan **Tom Vilsack**, the surprise victor and first Democratic governor-elect in more than 30 years

"This is better any time than getting into the Hall of Fame." Former major-league baseball player and Republican Kentucky Senator-elect **Jim Bunning**



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"Here's my grand-jury testimony—read it." An unnamed presidential adviser, suggesting a possible response by Clinton to the 81 questions sent to the president from the House Judiciary Committee

"The noise got impossibly louder, the ground began to shake and then, before we knew it, the mud was on top of us." Nicaraguan **Fausto Moreira Ruiz**, on disastrous floods and mudslides resulting from Hurricane Mitch, claiming the lives of at least 9,000 people in Central America

"I just don't see any use for it." **Viola Bevilacqua**, 87, on Babe Ruth's first home-run baseball hit in Yankee Stadium 75 years ago, which was given to her husband as a prize in 1927 and will be put up for auction



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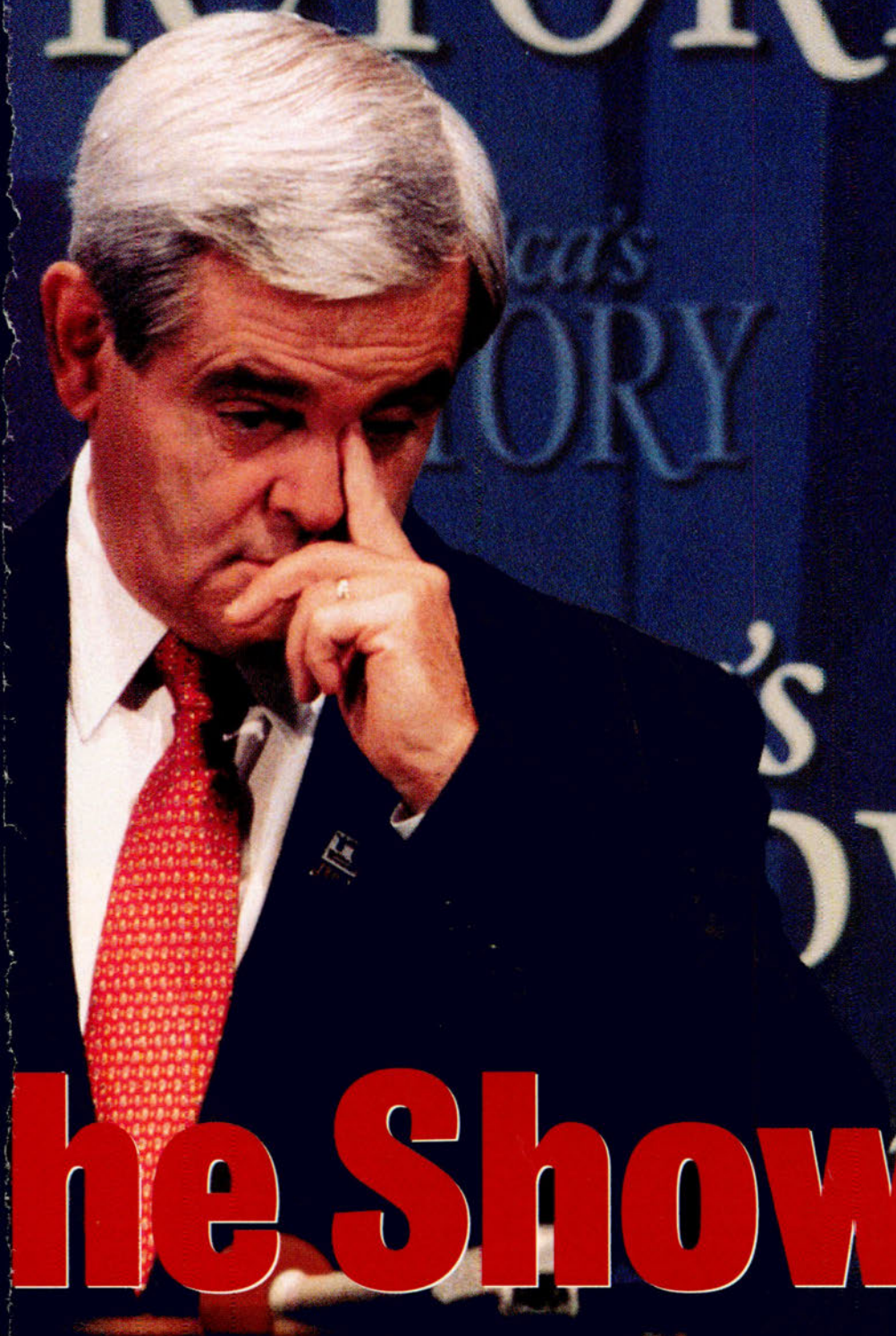
"It's less than I expected. I'm not charged at all with the Oklahoma City bombing. I can truthfully say if my sentence is 350 years, I don't intend to serve." Former Louisiana governor **Edwin Edwards**, who was indicted Friday on 28 counts of federal corruption

"When John Glenn returns from space, everybody dress in Ape Suits. We have six days in which to bury the Statue of Liberty up to her head." An e-mail titled "World's Biggest Practical Joke" circulating around the Internet last week

"Why this sudden outpouring for geezers? I never feel sexy." **Harrison Ford**, 56, on being named People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive"

America's
VICTORY

End times: On the morning after losing five seats to the Democrats, Newt met—and blamed—the press



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predictions of a Democratic debacle, but which ended with President Clinton—the ultimate survivor—standing tall amid the rubble of a confused opposition. Finishing stronger than even they expected at the polls, Democrats took what little steam was left out of the drive to impeach Clinton; “Monica Lewinsky,” it turns out, was the last name voters wanted to hear.

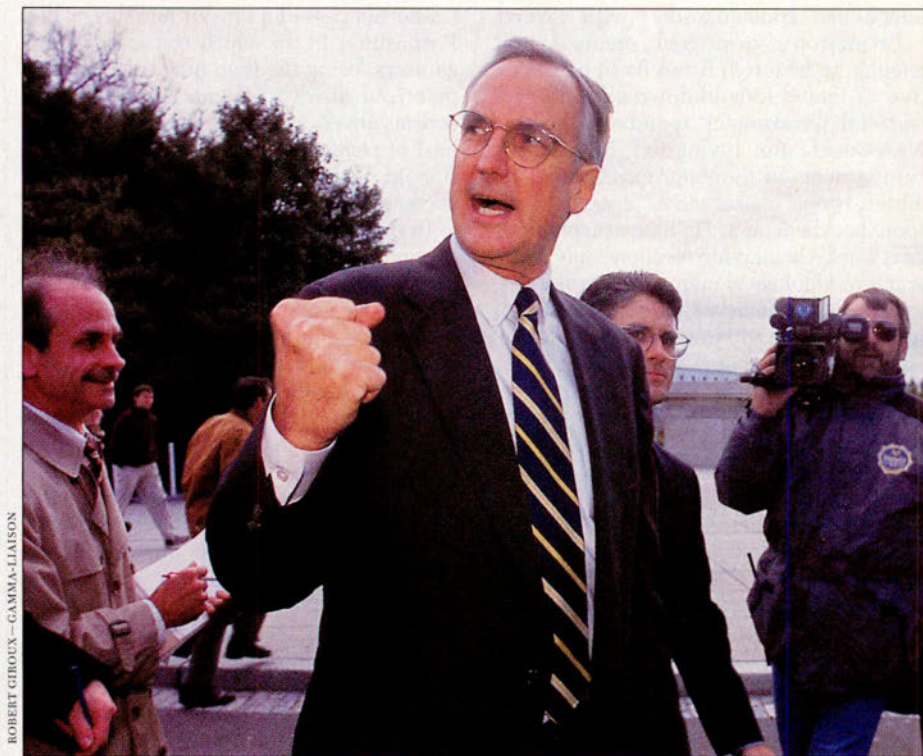
But Gingrich’s abrupt departure reflected something deeper. The GOP still shares power, but seems to have lost its way after setting the course of American politics for two decades. Both Clinton and Gingrich arrived on the national stage the same year, 1978. Since then, the conservative “revolution” has won many arguments. But Clinton has thrived by co-opting the New Right’s

themes—tough on crime, tough on welfare, tough on deficits—to beat conservatives at the game of winning votes. “What the Republican Party stands for today is unknown,” declared talk-show host Rush Limbaugh. “What’s going on out there is general panic on the Republican side.”

By last Friday, the “general panic” had engulfed Gingrich. When he and Livingston spoke at noon on that day, the message from his old friend turned foe had changed from the morning fax. Forget conditional salvation, Livingston said. I’m running against you. After three days’ surveying GOP colleagues, he said, he probably had the votes to take away the speakership—and was certain Newt couldn’t hold it. The reason was last week’s stark election results. By histori-

cal standards, Livingston reminded him, the GOP should have made sweeping gains against Clinton’s Democratic Party. Instead, Republicans had nearly lost the House, had given ground in governorships and hadn’t strengthened their majority in the Senate. No out-of-the-presidency party had fared so poorly in midterm elections since the last days of the Founding Fathers.

And whose fault was that? Livingston tried to be charitable. A different style of leadership was needed now, he said, more collegial, more detail-oriented, less confrontational. Everyone around town was quoting GOP consultant Mike Murphy. “We have to stop wrapping our cookies in barbed wire,” Murphy had said. The dialogue quickly grew angry. The old friends



ROBERT GIBSON—GAMMA-LIAISON

Reveling in the moment: The Clintons (left) are all smiles at a White House dinner on the Thursday after the elections, Livingston pumps his fist as he first challenges Newt

heatedly argued over who was responsible for an end-of-session congressional spending spree that had angered GOP budget hawks and muddled what little message the party had. "He blamed me, I blamed him," Livingston later told *NEWSWEEK*. "It wasn't a real happy conversation." Two hours later Livingston was in front of the Capitol announcing his own candidacy for speaker.

So then Newt, who quotes Burke and Churchill and Reagan, took his cue from a gravel-voiced country-music singer named Johnny Paycheck, whose hit song declared:

"Take This Job and Shove It!" Soon after Livingston appeared on TV, Gingrich began telling his staff, and then Republicans, that he would not seek another term as speaker—and would leave Congress altogether despite having just won re-election in his district with 71 percent of the vote. In a series of teleconferenced farewells, he was at turns philosophical and sulfurous. "We have to get the bitterness out," he said analytically. "It is clear that as long as I'm around that won't happen." But he lashed out at the system of cybercast sound bites that he had mastered in his own rise to power. The conservative activists—his putative allies—were nothing more than bloodthirsty "cannibals" on the airwaves, he said. With a bare 11-vote majority, he said, someone other than him would be needed to control the "five or 10 people who could black-mail everybody else."

Newt's fast exit capped a near-perfect political week for the president: better than expected election results and the defeat of mortal enemies. Clinton was on a nostalgic trip back to Arkansas when he got the news. He hopped from his limo and made two calls: one to his chief of staff, John Podesta; the other, more lengthy one, to Rep. Dick Gephardt, the Democratic minority leader

in the House. In a sober statement, Clinton praised Gingrich for having been a "worthy adversary." There would, said an aide, be "no whooping and hollering."

Still, Clintonites couldn't help but make comparisons between their man and the GOP's fallen leader. "Watching this made us really appreciate how tough Clinton is," said one aide. The joy was tempered by the realization that Gingrich was more than a "worthy" adversary—he was also a very useful one. "He's the best guy you could have in that job if you are the Democrats," said one adviser. "He's the perfect whipping boy." The speaker had also proved to be an easy mark in negotiations. "Newt was malleable in Clinton's hands," said an aide. "He'd get snookered every time."

It's not clear whom Clinton will face the next time he sits down with the congressional Republicans. For speaker, the early smart money was on Livingston. As thrilling as a spreadsheet in public, Livingston nevertheless has a reputation for being a tough customer who can "move" legislation. A Navy veteran who earned a black belt in tae kwon do a few years ago, he's also a devout Roman Catholic who consulted with the retired Archbishop of New Orleans before conducting his final

In the *NEWSWEEK* Poll, many Republicans favored Gingrich's ouster, with **55%** of moderates and **41%** of conservatives saying Newt should be replaced

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telephone confrontation with Newt.

Livingston's own goal seems simple enough: to be a tightfisted fiscal conservative. "I intend to hold down and roll back wasteful government spending," he told NEWSWEEK. But Livingston, 55, adept at cutting deals in the Appropriations Committee, is not "conservative" enough to suit some backbenchers. He'll be acceptable in next week's leadership elections only if other, more ideological members win slots below him. Rep. Chris Cox of California is running for the top job, too, and a host of other GOP members—led by Rep. Steve Largent of Oklahoma—are lining up support for other spots. "It's going to be chaos," said consultant Murphy, "but chaos is useful. In the end, we'll have a clearer message about where we want to take the country."

For a long time—for longer than the GOP lynch mob wanted to acknowledge fully last week—there was no one better at defining that message than Gingrich. An Army brat who soaked up global history as a boy and worshiped the military even though he never served, Gingrich was a Ph.D. historian who viewed the world in sweeping arcs of time, and who could intuitively sense the weaknesses of the New Deal-Great Society "welfare state." He was elected to Congress in 1978—the staging-ground year, it turned out, for the Reagan Revolution. It was the year in which

California passed a tax-cut measure called Proposition 13, in which conservative organizers, using the then new tools of computerized direct mail, mobilized religious conservatives for the first time to oust a host of Democratic senators, and in which Ronald Reagan assembled his ultimately successful campaign for the presidency.

In the Reagan years, Gingrich used new communications tools (C-Span and tapes mailed to admirers) to elaborate on the Reagan message with speeches and academic-sounding essays that mixed a kind of utopian futurism with a dark vision of Democratic policies. At the GOP convention in Dallas in 1984, he and his allies handed out copies of Newt's own paperback, "Window of Opportunity," which featured a screaming eagle and a space shuttle on the cover. Working Americans, he wrote, had turned their populist anger from big business to Washington.

He was right—up to a point. For years, marching along the Mall in Washington on morning constitutionals, Gingrich would declare to anyone who would listen that the GOP would soon take control of the House—something it hadn't done since 1952. After rising through the ranks by successfully attacking Democratic Speaker Jim Wright, Gingrich broke through in 1994. Advisers developed a tax-cut, rein-in-the-government agenda (the "Contract With America")

to counter Clinton's massive proposal to give the Feds more or less direct control of the nation's health-care system. The result: Gingrich swept to the speakership at the head of a GOP majority.

But Newt's triumph was followed by personal and political miscalculations. Impressed with his own role, he signed a lucrative book deal with Rupert Murdoch—but was forced to give back the multimillion-dollar advance. In the winter of 1995, he led the GOP into a budget showdown with the president that allowed Clinton to talk about unmailed Social Security checks, the purest form of political terror in America. Gingrich developed a reputation for unreliability, fatal in the delicate dance of legislation on the Hill. "You just simply couldn't trust the guy," said a behind-the-scenes leader of the class of '94 who came to power with Gingrich. "His word was worthless."

The mistakes mounted the moment Monica Madness hit. By that time, Democrats had already developed a legislative strategy, and had reduced it to a handy list on a blue card: a "patients' bill of rights" to rein in the excesses of HMOs; a demagogic but politically shrewd declaration to use any budget surplus not for tax cuts but to "Save Social Security First"; gobs of spending on school construction and teachers.

The GOP had no such list. Mesmerized by Monica, it never developed one. Instead,

Highs and Lows: Newt Through the Years

Gingrich's transformation from ornery backbencher from Georgia to congressional leader just a couple of heartbeats away from the presidency wasn't without glitches. The speaker's peaks and piques:

Nov. 1978: Newt is elected to the House

Feb. 1983: Found the Conservative Opportunity Society, a group of young right-wing reps who preach against the welfare state on C-Span

1987: Gingrich is the first to call for an ethics investigation of Speaker Jim Wright (who eventually resigned in '89 after being accused of 69 violations of House rules)

March 1989: Newt is elected

minority whip

Sept. 1994: He unveils the "Contract With America," a call for welfare reform, term limits, tax cuts and a balanced budget

Nov. 1994: Republicans sweep into power in the House, gaining 52 seats and their first majority in 40 years

Dec. 1994: Stung by criticism, Gingrich gives up a \$4.5 million book advance

Jan. 1995: Newt is sworn in as speaker of the House

Nov. 1995: Budget negotiations stall and the Federal govern-

ment is shut down for four weeks. Gingrich says one reason for the stalemate was that he was given a bad seat on the plane on the way back from Yitzhak Rabin's funeral.

Dec. 1995: A special counsel is named to look into possible ethics violations involving a televised college course taught by Gingrich

July 1996: The welfare-reform bill passes in the House

Nov. 1996: Republicans lose nine seats in the House as Clinton is re-elected

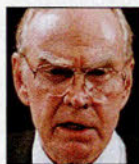
Jan. 1997: The House votes 395-28 to re-

mand Newt for ethical misdeeds and assesses a fine of \$300,000

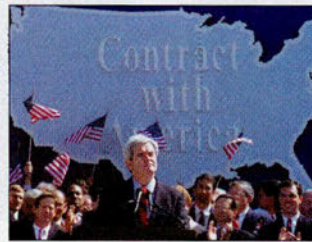
May 1997: Congress and the president forge a five-year balanced-budget deal

July 1997: A secret coup to oust Newt fails; Bill Paxon is forced out of the leadership for plotting against the speaker

Nov. 1998: Republicans lose five more seats in the House despite Clinton's woes; Gingrich resigns his post



Jim Wright



Putting out the 'Contract' in '94



58% of Democrats and **61%** nonwhites would simply drop the impeachment matter; at the other extreme, **63%** of conservative Republicans want to press on

the Republicans' operating theory was this: Clinton was in the deepest legal and political trouble; those woes would result in huge GOP gains in the midterm elections; in the meantime it was stupid to rile the opposition by making proposals the party could more safely, and more successfully, put forward after the Big Victory. Gingrich wavered between stoic silence on the scandal and vows to say "Monica" in every speech. For months, the GOP resisted cutting scandal TV ads. But with little else to say, the Republican brain trust plunked down several million dollars at the last minute. The ads angered the Democratic faithful without noticeably exciting GOP loyalists. Gingrich's aides denied he had been closely in-

involved in writing the spots. Republican consultants outside the Newtonian orbit, however, insisted that Gingrich and his top aides had decided the final wording.

For a man who had been so prescient in the past, Gingrich was surprisingly unprepared for what hit him on Election Day. He had awakened in Georgia convinced the GOP was poised to capture at least a dozen new seats, sources told *NEWSWEEK*. He had been cheered by the reception he'd received a few days earlier at the Green Bay Packers game in Wisconsin. The "cheeseheads" were for the Packers, for Newt and for GOP Senate candidate Mark Neumann (or so it seemed; he ultimately lost to campaign-finance crusader Russ Feingold). Even

when the first network exit polls showed the Democrats doing well, Gingrich was optimistic. IT'S A BRAVE NEWT WORLD, read a sign in the suburban Galleria Center, where the speaker spoke to a happy crowd.

Gingrich remained a detached, if not happy, warrior. Around midnight, full panic set in around him. Political adviser Joe Gaylord and PAC director Rich Galen toted up numbers: Republicans could actually lose the House. Gingrich cut short a round of satellite-TV interviews. The tension eventually eased when late results came in from California, but Newt remained calm throughout. There were no moments of Clintonesque rage. Instead, there was the professor's lofty studiousness and the sci-

Preparing to testify, an implausibly optimistic Starr grinds on. BY DANIEL KLAIDMAN AND MARK HOSENBALL

The Last True Believer

FOR KEN STARR, IT WAS business as usual. As triumphant Democrats pronounced the beginning of the end of the impeachment inquiry last week, the independent counsel and his team were back in Washington, dutifully plodding along. On Thursday Starr—still fervently searching for evidence against the president—was retracing his steps, interviewing obscure witnesses for a second and third time. Reaching back to the earliest days of the Monica Lewinsky probe, he dispatched prosecutors to Secret Service headquarters to once again question uniformed officer Sandra Verna. The investigators wanted to know what White House steward Bayani Nelvis had told her about Lewinsky's relationship with the president. Nelvis reportedly told several White House employees that he found a lipstick-smudged towel in the Oval Office pantry, where the president and Monica had been together. But when he appeared before the grand jury,



Starr witness: *Seemingly oblivious to the political winds, the prosecutor is still searching for evidence against Clinton*

he denied everything. Starr is desperate to know if someone in the White House persuaded him to change his story.

This is a critical moment for Starr. The political forces have shifted heavily against him just two weeks before he is scheduled to defend himself before the House Judiciary Committee—and the nation. Republicans, who sent Clinton 81 questions about the probe

last week, worry that they may not have the votes to get an impeachment resolution through the House. So why is the independent counsel willing to further inflame his critics by fixating on a lowly steward? The answer, say friends, is that Starr—bookish and lofty—is virtually oblivious to the political upheaval around him. "He's a legal nerd," says a close associate. Ever ebullient

and at times implausibly optimistic, Starr is an unquestioning believer in his cause, confident that the truth is on his side and that it's only a matter of time before his investigation is vindicated.

Starr's search for answers has him running in several directions. He is still investigating Kathleen Willey's allegation that the president made unwanted sexual advances toward her. Starr thinks Clinton lied when he denied the incident and is trying to gather enough evidence to send another impeachment referral to Congress. Starr is even pulling out files from the original Whitewater case. He is considering bringing new charges against Webster Hubbell, who he believes still hasn't told everything he knows about the Clintons' role in the land deal.

Starr will come under close questioning later this month when he testifies. Democrats will grill him about contacts he may have had with right-wing Clinton enemies. He'll also be asked about charges that his office leaked secret grand-jury evidence. To prepare, Starr spends hours each day in practice sessions with his lawyers. It's an awkward role reversal. Starr has spent four years asking questions. Now it's his turn to come up with answers.

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ence-fiction fan's faith in a knowable future. One of Gingrich's favorite characters is Isaac Asimov's Hari Seldon, a "psychohistorian" who can see the future by making careful calculations of "the reactions of human conglomerates to fixed social and economic stimuli." In the grand cosmology of Gingrichism, this was a mere pause in the inevitable march from New Deal statism to

a future of digital-based economic liberty. Newt, his friends said, would eventually make a Churchillian comeback. When and how they couldn't say.

By nightfall in Georgia last Friday, Gingrich was at his home in Marietta, hosting a bittersweet party with old friends. There was barbecue on the table and plenty of his favorite beer, giant-size cans of Foster's

lager. As for his own plans, he said, he might "take six months off and go collect dinosaurs or something." His good friends were trying to ignore what he had become: another gray-haired, 55-year-old suburbanite in need of a job in a world that, for now, had passed him by.

With DEBRA ROSENBERG in Washington and
ARLYN TOBIAS GAJILAN in Atlanta



In Vogue: This photograph of the First Lady was taken by Annie Leibovitz for *Vogue* on Oct. 21 for its December issue; Hillary will also be on the cover of the magazine

was challenging Clinton nemesis Al D'Amato for the Senate. She flew to California to raise money for embattled Sen. Barbara Boxer, whose daughter is married to Hillary's brother. Mrs. Clinton struggled hardest to save Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, plagued by a financial scandal. She wooed precinct cap-

tains and even cut a gushy television spot. Moseley-Braun lost anyway, but Hillary drew enough suburban women to narrow the gap by 10 points. Mrs. Clinton even found time to pose for the cover of next month's *Vogue*; star photographer Annie Leibovitz took beautiful shots of the First Lady in the White House and on the Truman Balcony.

In public, the president and First Lady were a seamless political duo. But in private, there was tension. On election night, Hillary invited girlfriends to the White House theater to see "Beloved." Clinton spent the evening in his chief of staff's office with aides, glued to a computer screen. He surfed the Net into the night, transfixed by exit polls. Both Clintons savored their victory, but celebrated apart.

Never one to play the wronged wife, the First Lady hit the road—and helped carry the day. BY DEBRA ROSENBERG

Hillary's Splendid Season

IT WAS JUST WHAT HILLARY Clinton needed to hear. Last September, a few days after the Starr Report hit the Internet, two dozen Democratic congresswomen urgently requested an audience with the First Lady. Over coffee in the East Wing, the women shared their fears about the upcoming election—and urged Mrs. Clinton to take on a bolder public role. Her husband was crippled by scandal, but Hillary was more popular than ever. Let the Republicans dwell on sex, they insisted. She could help win

votes by talking about issues.

Flattered and emboldened, the First Lady accepted the challenge. After the meeting, a new White House election strategy emerged. The repentant president would stick to Rose Garden ceremonies and closed-door fund-raisers, reaching out to staunch Democratic supporters through conference calls instead of rallies. Meanwhile the First Lady—never one to play the wronged wife—would be the Clintons' unwaveringly optimistic public face, traveling the country to urge core Dem-

ocrats not to lose hope. The message got through. By Election Day, the scandal was in retreat and the president was resurgent, thanks in part to Hillary's tireless efforts. Always strongest in crisis, the Clintons had seemed to cheat fate yet again.

The First Lady couldn't be everywhere at once. Al Gore did a lot of the heavy lifting, but Hillary was a finesse player, hand-picking critical contests where her face would deliver votes. She made nearly a dozen appearances in New York, where Charles Schumer

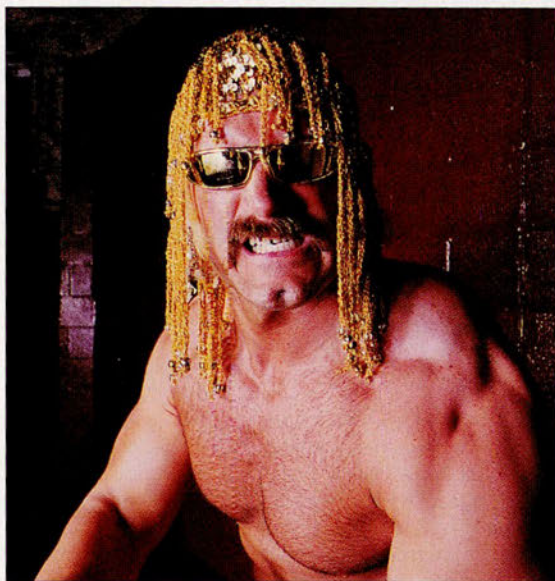
Out of nowhere, 'The Body' Ventura puts politics-as-usual in a headlock with a victory as Minnesota governor. The voters' message to Washington? If you act like pro wrestlers, we'll give you pro wrestlers. BY MATT BAI AND DAVID BRAUER

Jesse Ventura's 'Body' Politics

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE HE LAST DONNED TIE-DYE AND A feathered boa and stepped into the wrestling ring, but last week Jesse (The Body) Ventura was again the Main Event. Camera crews camped outside his 32-acre ranch, held off by state troopers assigned to guard Minnesota's new governor. Hundreds of calls and letters went unanswered; Arnold Schwarzenegger was among those who sent flowers. ("Did I die?" Ventura exclaimed when he saw all the roses.) Governor Body himself was in the barn, braving the 30-degree temperature for a photo shoot. He refused to wear wrestling tights, insisting instead on a size-50 pin-striped jacket more becoming a chief executive. "I'll do some fun

things, but I don't want to cheapen the office," Ventura said. "I'm not about to turn it into some dog-and-pony show." In that spirit, he said he had reconsidered an earlier plan to rappel from the capitol dome on a rope. Asked how he wants to be addressed, Ventura's blue eyes blazed. "Governor!" he said, puffing on a cigar. "I like it!"

Minnesotans seem to like it, too. Politics has never been staid in the land of Humphrey and Mondale, but Ventura's unexpected victory blew through Minnesota like an early blizzard, devastating the political landscape. In a season when voters everywhere seemed weary of politics-as-usual, the wrestler turned radio personality became the ultimate symbol of revolt. The message that registered back in Washington: if you're going to act like a bunch of pro wrestlers, we're going to give you pro wres-



In the ring: Ventura went into wrestling after service as a SEAL and a stint as a bodyguard for the Stones

tlers. In beating St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman and Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III, Jesse Ventura drew legions of disaffected and young voters who took up his battle cry: "Retaliate in '98!" Now everyone is wondering what life will be like under a governor who casually refers to the good old days with Mr. T and Cyndi Lauper. "Can you imagine him going to Japan to talk about

free trade? He'll scare somebody to death," says a local radio host known as Dark Star. "The question is, is he going to meet people in the middle, or is he going to hit them over the head with a chair?"

Behind the jokes there was real trepidation. Minnesota isn't a wrestling match; it's the 20th largest state in the country, with a \$23 billion budget. "We've elected a governor that people in this state do not know," says Roger Moe, the Senate majority leader. What they do know is that Ventura is one of *them*. He jet-skis and coaches high-school football for fun. He listens to Led Zeppelin and Jonny Lang. His favorite movie is "Jaws." ("Shark bad fish ... swallow you whole," he recites in his best Robert Shaw.) True, he's rich and drives a Porsche, but he still sounds working class, especially when he mauls the English language. Consider this Jesseism: "My brain is operating at such a level that I don't want to put my foot in it."

Born James Janos in blue-collar Minneapolis in 1951, Ventura joined the Navy after high school and was trained as a SEAL. Ventura refuses to disclose anything about his missions but says he's a Vietnam veteran. One of his commanding officers in the SEALs says Ventura spent some time in Subic Bay in the Philippines, which was a sort of Wild West. That's where the wiry Ventura, a barroom brawler who didn't like to shower or shave, began pumping up with weights. Honorably discharged in 1973, he rode with a motorcycle club in California, spent a semester at community college and rented out his tree-

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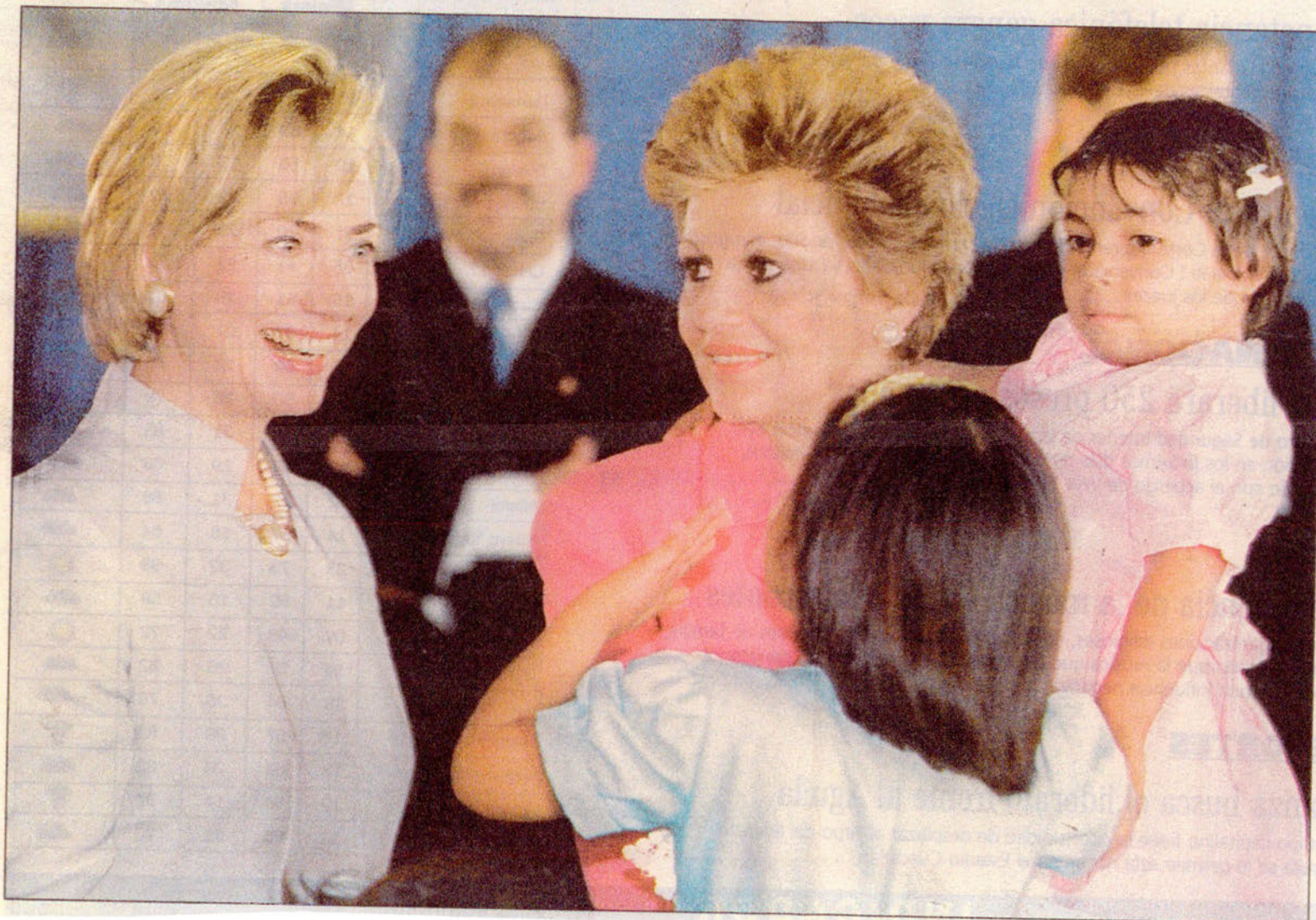
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■ AMPLIARÁN GUARDERÍAS Y ESCUELAS SALUDABLES

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Guarderías y Escuelas Saludables recibieron ayer el apoyo económico de Estados Unidos y de Hillary Clinton.

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Estados Unidos aportará 20 millones de colones al programa escuelas saludables y, cerca de nueve millones más a las guarderías rurales salvadoreñas.

Los fondos servirán para incluir a 325 mil infantes al programa de Escuelas Saludables y, ampliar la cobertura de los Centros de Bienestar Infantil (CBI) en las zonas rurales.

Con el apoyo económico se espera que la "educación preescolar forme parte del sistema formal y se apoye a las familias rurales", declaró ayer la primera dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Clinton.

La esposa del Presidente de Estados Unidos presenció, junto a la Primera Dama de El Salvador, la firma del acuerdo de cooperación económica.

La rubricación del convenio estuvo a cargo del ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Ramón González Giner, y del director ejecutivo para Latinoamérica y el Caribe de la Agencia para el Desarrollo Internacional (AID), Mark Schneider.

"Estoy complacida que la aso-



El ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Ramón González Giner, junto al director ejecutivo de la AID, Mark Schneider, firman el documento de cooperación para la educación en las áreas rurales. Atrás, observan las primeras damas de El Salvador y E.U.A. respectivamente.

FOTOS DE LA PRENSA, POR MILTON FLORES.

ciación y alianza entre El Salvador y Estados Unidos continúe fortaleciéndose", expresó Hillary Clinton.

Con el aporte de Estados Unidos, las guarderías comenzarán a recibir infantes desde cero hasta siete años de edad.

Actualmente, los CBI atienden niños y niñas de dos hasta siete años.

La nueva modalidad de atención se aplicará, en el país, en los próximos cuatro años.

"A partir del primer trimestre de 1999, el Estado unificará la metodología de los CBI con los Organismos No Gubernamentales", explicó la directora del Instituto de Protección al Menor (IPM), María Teresa Mejía.

El IPM es la instancia coordi-

nadora de la red de guarderías estatales.

Antes de la firma de la "Declaración de Apoyo a la Educación en El Salvador", el AID trasladó al ISPM más de 64 millones de colones para ampliar la "Educación Infantil a través de la Familia" (EDIFAM).

Con este convenio, los centros de bienestar infantil y las Escue-

las Saludables recibieron el apoyo financiero de Estados Unidos y el beneplácito de Hillary Clinton.

El tratado se firmó en el hogar de infantes "San Vicente de Paul", alrededor de las 11:00 a.m.

La ceremonia duró cerca de 30 minutos y se desarrolló bajo un estricto sistema de seguridad.

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Varios niños
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REDACTORAS DE NACIONALES

La Primera Dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Clinton, despertó un amplia gama de emociones entre funcionarios y ciudadanos.

María Elvira Iglesias, vestida como Virgen María, llegó ayer al Hotel Princess a buscar a la Primera Dama de Estados Unidos.

La mujer, líder de la secta "Jehová justicia nuestra", quería entregar un ramo de flores plastificadas a Hillary Clinton.

También aspiraba a formular dos singulares peticiones.

"Quiero entregar (a Hillary Clinton) una carta para que me den una visa y evangelizar en Estados Unidos", dijo la señora de 74 años.

El incidente entre Bill Clinton y Mónica Lewinsky no se le olvi-

dó a Iglesias.

"También quiero pedirle (a Hillary) que perdone a Bill Clinton por haber caído en la tentación de la carne", destacó.

Elizabeth, nerviosísima

Durante la visita de Hillary Clinton al Hogar de infantes "San Vicente de Paúl", la Primera Dama de El Salvador, Elizabeth Aguirre de Calderón, se mostró muy nerviosa.

Su conmoción era tal que ignoró el servicio de traducción.

Un empleado tuvo que recordarle ese pequeño detalle. "¿Que no tengo que olvidar...el qué?" dijo en medio de su disertación, mientras le hacían gestos y señas.

Luego, reaccionó. "¡Disculpenme, la traducción se me olvi-

dó!", dijo.

En la misma actividad, Aguirre de Calderón mostró dificultades para memorizar los significados de siglas.

En lugar de pronunciar Agencia Interamericana para el Desarrollo (AID), la Primera Dama salvadoreña dijo "Asociación...".

La Primera Dama de El Salvador es la Presidenta del Instituto Salvadoreño para el Desarrollo de la Mujer (ISDEMU). Sin embargo, tuvo dificultades para recordar el significado de dichas siglas.

Los infantes del Hogar "San Vicente de Paúl" se mostraron tiernos y espontáneos.

Una chiquilla comenzó a recitarle un sencillo poema a Hillary, cuando se acercó a darles besos y abrazos.

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EN LATINOAMÉRICA, CONQUISTAN MAYOR NÚMERO DE PUESTOS CLAVES: HILLARY CLINTON

Salvadoreñas participan más en política



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Hillary Clinton, primera dama de Estados Unidos saluda a ancianos antes de ingresar al foro sobre Violencia Familiar.

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La Primera Dama de E.U.A. se interesó por seguir conociendo la experiencia de las mujeres en este país.

REDACCIÓN DE NACIONALES

La primera dama de los Estados Unidos de América, Hillary Clinton, afirmó ayer que El Salvador es el país latinoamericano en donde la mujer ha conquistado un mayor número de puestos claves en los ámbitos político y social.

Añadió que se trata de una experiencia sorprendente, tomando en cuenta la polarización que una guerra civil de 12 años pudo causar en esta sociedad.

Su interés y admiración por el rol protagónico de las mujeres, antes y después de los acuerdos de paz, se fue alimentando con las ponencias de seis salvadoreñas en el foro "El Salvador: La Mujer en la Paz y la Reconciliación", presidido por ella, su homóloga Elizabeth de Calderón Sol y la embajadora norteamericana, Anne Patterson.

Con mucha familiaridad, la magistrada de la Corte Suprema de Justicia, Aronette Díaz; la política de ARENA, Milena Calderón de Escalón; la gerente de Redacción de LA PRENSA GRÁFICA, Cecilia Gallardo de Cano; la ex diputada, Ana Guadalupe Martínez y las legisladoras Violeta Menjivar y Lorena Peña compartieron sus anécdotas y proyectos a la señora Clinton.

Gallardo de Cano trasladó personalmente a la señora Clinton los resultados de una encuesta realizada por este periódico, sobre los problemas nacionales más importantes, en los cuales E.U.A. podría colaborar. Señalándole a la señora Clinton que el tema con mayor porcentaje de solicitudes fue la legalización de los inmigrantes salvadoreños.

De adversarias a compañeras

Durante casi dos horas, las seis mujeres rememoraron los momentos políticos más candentes, que Hillary Clinton escuchaba con gran atención, mientras tomaba algunos apuntes.

Su intención al convocarlas —junto a un auditorio de 22 salvadoreñas políticas más— era conocer cómo habían escalado hasta posiciones de influencia y, a la vez, los aportes que desde allí habían brindado a la sociedad.

En el intercambio, Clinton planteó la necesidad de buscar acciones concretas para solventar los problemas que impiden el desarrollo de las mujeres y los niños.



Elizabeth de Calderón Sol, conversa con Hillary Clinton en un hotel capitalino.

Recordó la vulnerabilidad de este grupo de la población, sobre todo en los países con problemas étnicos, económicos y de guerra más acentuados, como Irlanda del Norte y otras naciones de África y Asia, dijo.

La participación en el foro fue tan interesante para la Primera Dama estadounidense que, a pesar del corte abrupto hecho por

la embajadora Patterson, pidió que las panelistas continuaran reuniéndose con ésta para aportarle más ideas que pudieran contribuir a dirimir conflictos similares que experimentan otras naciones del mundo.

Antes de abandonar el salón, pidió "una fotografía primero con todas las participantes, por favor".

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Las 3 preguntas de Hillary

Haciendo honor a su profesión de abogada, Hillary Clinton interrogó a 3 de las 6 panelistas, luego de finalizadas sus exposiciones. A las restantes, las "salvó el tiempo".

Sus preguntas tenían una intención básica: obtener propuestas concretas de solución a los problemas que ellas mismas plantearon durante el foro.

¿Cuáles fueron y a quiénes?

1. Hillary Clinton: Habló que la paz y reconciliación son un proceso, en donde la mujer ha impreso un contenido espiritual, cambio de corazón y mentalidad. ¿Cuál sería una de las medidas para continuar con este proceso?

Aronette Díaz: Pienso que capacitando a la mujer y haciendo que participe en las soluciones, y no que espere ayuda asistencialista. Eso implica elevar su autoestima e incentivar a que conozca sus derechos, pero también sus obligaciones.

2. Hillary: ¿Por qué considera que fue exitoso el seminario del que habló, en donde participaron mujeres de diversos sectores de la sociedad salvadoreña?

Milena Calderón: Porque pudimos escucharnos, en el mismo seminario, las mujeres confrontadas ideológicamente por años. Así, es posible conocer los diversos roles que podemos desempeñar, pero con una alta autoestima.

3. Hillary: Mencionó que la ruptura familiar pone en desventaja a la mujer. ¿Qué están intentando hacer para lidiar con este problema?

Guadalupe Martínez: Esto tiene un factor económico incorporado, y se relaciona con falta de oportunidades. Creo que una combinación de producción y educación disminuiría el flujo migratoria hacia E.U.A. y reintegraría a la familia como núcleo.

■ A TRAVÉS DE HILLARY CLINTON

Piden ampliar suspensión de deportaciones

Redacción de Nacionales/EFE

El gobierno salvadoreño formuló, ayer, una petición para ampliar el plazo de suspensión de las deportaciones de indocumentados.

Estados Unidos decidió prorrogar, hasta el 7 de enero próximo, las deportaciones de emigrantes nicaragüenses, hondureños, salvadoreños y guatemaltecos.

El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Ramón González Giner, comentó que la solicitud se presentó ayer a la Primera Dama de los Estados Unidos, Hillary Clinton.

"Deseamos que la petición se traslade al Presidente y el Congreso de Estados Unidos", dijo González Giner.

Antes de ampliar hasta el 7 de enero próximo el nuevo plazo, el Servicio de Inmigración de Estados Unidos había decidido la suspensión temporal de las deportaciones, por la catástrofe de grandes proporciones que ocasionó "Mitch" en Centroamérica.

"Pedimos un alivio más largo para los emigrantes, porque no estamos en capacidad para recibirlos", detalló el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores.

El Servicio de Inmigraciones tomó dicho acuerdo para ayudar a los gobiernos de las naciones



La primera dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Rodham Clinton, recibe un regalo de una menor, durante la visita realizada ayer al Hogar del Niño San Vicente de Paúl.

FOTO DE LA PRENSA, POR WILLIAM MARTÍNEZ.

centroamericanas que resultaron afectadas con la tormenta tropical "Mitch".

Un vocero del INS dijo que se revisará esta prórroga en enero de 1999, para adoptar las decisiones pertinentes.

También se considerará la situación de los inmigrantes indocumentados que se encuentran bajo la custodia del Servicio de

Inmigración estadounidense y que no tienen un historial delictivo.

Plantearán reconstrucción

González Giner agregó que el próximo 10 y 11 de diciembre está programada una reunión en Washington con un grupo consultivo. En la sesión participarán representantes de cuatro países

centroamericanos.

"Se abordará el tema de las inmigraciones, la creación de programas de cooperación en materia de comercio e inversión y un fondo para la reconstrucción", detalló el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores durante la firma de la Declaración de Apoyo a la Educación en El Salvador.

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Ofrece apoyo a niñez salvadoreña

Hillary Clinton prometió ayuda por más de 15 millones de colones para fortalecer la educación de la niñez en El Salvador. Los fondos serán designados para el programa educativo Escuela Saludable, que promueve la Secretaría Nacional de la Familia, en coordinación con el Ministerio de Educación. La Primera Dama de Estados Unidos visitó el Hogar de Niños San Vicente de Paúl, como parte de su recorrido por nuestro país. El convenio fue firmado ayer. **Págs. 6 y 7**

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Las primeras damas visitaron el Hogar de Niños "San Vicente de Paul", donde se firmó un convenio de apoyo al sistema educativo.



do las que viven en sectores rurales.

Elizabeth de Calderón Sol, primera dama de El Salvador, argumentó que para lograr los objetivos planteados por la señora Clinton, es preciso un convencimiento de mujeres y hombres para llegar a igualdad de condiciones.

Hillary Clinton indicó que El Salvador está en el camino de sus sueños democráticos.

"No será fácil, pero ustedes tienen el coraje y la determinación para lograrlo", enfatizó.

La Primera Dama de Estados Unidos concluye hoy su visita a El Salvador, después de haber realizado un viaje para conocer de cerca los estragos causados en el Istmo por el huracán "Mitch" y ofrecer la ayuda de su país.



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"La violencia familiar debe ser cosa del pasado", afirmó la señora Hillary Clinton.

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Hillary Clinton aboga por evitar violencia familiar

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Hillary Clinton y Elizabeth de Calderón toman sus manos en señal de unidad contra la violencia intrafamiliar. Ambas Primeras Damas participaron en un foro en que se desarrolló el tema, ante políticas y empresarias.

¡No a la violencia!

El discurso contra la violencia familiar fue pronunciado por Hillary Clinton, durante un foro sobre el tema.

En el Foro participaron mujeres ligadas a la política, empresarias y empleadas de organizaciones que promueven la no violencia contra la mujer y el niño.

BASES DE APOYO

■ La señora Clinton indicó que es preciso adiestrar a la PNC y los jueces para una mejor comprensión de que la violencia es un crimen.

■ Dijo que los avances en El Salvador, en esta materia, son ejemplo para otros países, como Ruanda.

■ En su opinión, la violencia en la familia genera acciones criminales en los adolescentes. Se basó en estudios realizados con reos de Estados Unidos.

■ "Hay que educar a las mujeres para que no sean víctimas de la violencia", agregó.

■ Para evitar la violencia en la mujer, es necesario proveerle de herramientas que ocasionen su independencia económica.

■ En el país, mensualmente se reciben centenares de denuncias sobre maltrato familiar en mujeres y niños.

■ Hillary Clinton ha sido fiel defensora en Estados Unidos de los derechos de la mujer y el niño.

La señora Clinton enfatizó que las oportunidades en favor de la mujer, promueven el desarrollo de los pueblos

Ciro Granados

El Diario de Hoy

Impresionada por el trabajo que se lleva a cabo en el país para erradicar la violencia contra la mujer, Hillary Clinton abogó por que se continúe en esta vía, con el fin de lograr mayores oportunidades de superación para las mujeres.

El mensaje de solidaridad fue expuesto ante centenares de mujeres, en un foro que agrupó a políticas, funcionarias y personal que trabaja en el área.

"He visto los avances democráticos que han logrado desde los acuerdos de paz, y es un privilegio ser testigo de esta transición histórica", dijo señora Clinton.

Costos de la violencia

La visitante aseveró que son las mujeres las principales víctimas de la agresión armada que sufrió El Salvador.

Seguidamente puntualizó que en este país —de acuerdo con estudios—, una de cada seis mujeres ha sido abusada sexualmente.

Esta violencia —dijo—, se traduce en una pérdida de productividad, e instó a calcular cuánto cuesta la violencia contra la mujer, en términos de desarrollo.

Y de este atentado contra los derechos humanos de las mujeres, indicó, se derivan efectos devastadores para la niñez.

"En Estados Unidos hemos hecho estudios con los reos, y hemos descubierto que la mayoría de ellos ha sido víctima de maltrato familiar", señaló.

Las impresiones de la señora Clinton, respecto del tema, fueron recogidas durante la visita que ayer realizó al Instituto Salvadoreño para el Desarrollo de la Mujer (ISDEMU).

En esa visita, Hillary Clinton escuchó testimonios de mujeres agredidas, y de maridos agresores, lo que —según dijo—, llegó a conmoverla.

"El ISDEMU es un modelo de asociación que lidera esfuerzos contra esta violencia", dijo, a la vez que prometió estrechar lazos entre ambas naciones para combatir este fenómeno social.

También elogió el hecho que la violencia intrafamiliar sea un delito en El Salvador.

Sin embargo, llamó a fortalecer el entrenamiento de jueces y policías para ser más enérgicos en la aplicación de la ley respecto a este tipo de transgresión.

"Hace falta trabajar para cambiar actitudes y generar nuevas ideas para erradicar la violencia. Las mujeres deben conocer que tienen sus derechos, iguales a los del hombre", agregó.

Su discurso enfatizó en que es preciso educar a la población femenina para evitar que se convierta en víctimas familiares.

Un país no puede progresar —añadió—, si hacen falta oportunidades para la mujer.

Entre las propuestas que mencionó para detener este flagelo, se incluyen préstamos pequeños, para que las mujeres tengan mayor independencia económica, sobre to-

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Primera Dama EE.UU. conversa con políticas

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AYALA



La Primera Dama estadounidense, Hillary Clinton, conoció el aporte de las mujeres salvadoreñas a la política. La reunión se celebró en un salón de la embajada de su país.

La embajada de Estados Unidos convocó ayer al foro de "La mujer en la paz y la reconciliación"

Luis Laínez
El Diario de Hoy

Mujeres de la Corte Suprema de Justicia, la Asamblea Legislativa y una ex miembro del gabinete de Armando Calderón Sol debatieron el aporte femenino en la política nacional.

En medio de la mirada celosa del servicio secreto de los Estados Unidos, Hillary Clinton presidió la tertulia.

A su izquierda, Anne Patterson, embajadora estadounidense; a su derecha, la primera dama de El Salvador, Elizabeth de Calderón.

Asu alrededor, Aronette Díaz, de la Corte Suprema; Milena de Escalón, dirigente de ARENA; Ana Guadalupe Martínez, del Partido Demócrata (PD); Violeta Menjivar, diputada del FMLN; Cecilia Gallardo de Cano, ex ministra de Educación; y Lorena Peña, también diputada del FMLN.

El ambiente

Las mujeres políticas se sintieron orgullosas de su aporte para la democratización de El Salvador, cada una desde su campo de acción.

Cuando ya la plática entraba en calor, Lorena Peña, del FMLN, dejó salir toda su dosis de feminismo.

"Llegó el 2000 y no llevamos una candidata a la presidencia", se quejó.

La traducción hizo atrasar la reacción de Hillary Clinton, pero, sobresaltada, exclamó: "¡Ni en Estados Unidos!".

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Carmen Gallardo asegura que la participación femenina en la sociedad ha crecido.

“La paz tiene rostro de mujer”

Hillary Clinton conversó con mujeres representantes de varios sectores sociales, sobre el rol femenino en la consolidación de la paz

Katya Chamagua
El Diario de Hoy

Hillary Clinton escuchó ayer las opiniones de varias mujeres salvadoreñas sobre su participación en la consolidación de la paz.

Las invitadas coincidieron en que el proceso de paz sería completamente distinto sin la participación de las mujeres en la política, la educación, la salud, etc.

Carmen Gallardo de Hernández, asesora de campaña del Partido Demócrata Cristiano, expresó que “la paz salvadoreña tiene rostro de mujer”, debido a la amplia participación que ha logrado.

La violencia intrafamiliar y los derechos femeninos fueron otros temas relevantes que se discutieron. En este sentido, la Primera Dama norteamericana abogó por que se promulguen leyes que protejan a la mujer.

Sin embargo, las invitadas reconocieron que así como las mujeres exigen derechos, también tienen obligaciones. Para el caso, se habló de un compromiso con la tolerancia y los valores familiares.

La presencia de la Primera Dama significa que la nación norteamericana desea encontrar en el proceso de consolidación salvadoreño, cuáles son los aspectos que lo colocan como ejemplo para otras naciones, afirma Gallardo.

Al final de la plática, se estableció el compromiso de mantener un espacio de debate. Esto permitirá, según Gallardo, el intercambio de experiencias con mujeres de África del Sur, Irlanda del Norte y Colombia.

El objetivo es intercambiar los elementos que puedan enriquecer el proceso de conciliación salvadoreño.

Las mujeres también pidieron la reconsideración de las políticas de inmigración hacia las mujeres centroamericanas.

En la reunión estuvieron la Primera Dama de El Salvador, Elizabeth de Calderón Sol; Anne Patterson, embajadora norteamericana en el país; Violeta Menjívar y Lorena Peña, del FMLN, y Mirna Liévano, directora de la Escuela Superior de Negocios.

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Millonaria ayuda al sistema educativo

La ampliación de los fondos será destinada a fortalecer el sistema educativo en El Salvador

Ciro Granados
El Diario de Hoy

Casi 16 millones de colones serán financiados por Estados Unidos para apoyar el sistema educativo en nuestro país, anunció ayer la Primera Dama de esa nación, Hillary Clinton.

El aporte forma parte del paquete de ayuda que el país norteamericano ha destinado para Centroamérica, luego del desastre causado por el huracán "Mitch".

Elogia avances

"Estoy impresionada por los avances por mejorar la educación en los últimos años", declaró Hillary Clinton, durante un acto en el que se firmó la declaración de apoyo.

Los fondos se desprenderán de la Agencia de los Estados Unidos para el Desarrollo Internacional (USAID).

El convenio de ayuda fue firmado por el representante de USAID, Mark Schneider,



Estudiantes ejecutan un baile típico ante Hillary Clinton, en el Hogar de Niños "San Vicente de Paul".

y el canciller salvadoreño, Ramón González Giner.

El aporte es parte de un financiamiento adicional a los establecidos para apoyar los programas de atención educativa a la niñez salvadoreña.

Desde 1990, Estados Unidos ha aprobado 59 millones de dólares en ayuda a la educación.

Parte del dinero será destinado para fortalecer el Programa Escuela Saludable.

"Está comprobado que los niños saludables son mejores estudiantes", señaló Hillary Clinton, durante su visita al Hogar de Niños San Vicente de Paul.

La Primera Dama de El Salvador, Elizabeth de Calderón Sol, agradeció el gesto e indicó que el programa Escuela Saludable beneficia a unos 600 mil niños en las zonas más vulnerables del país.

La señora Clinton aseveró que este Programa refleja el éxito referente a la educación en El Salvador, y es un esfuerzo que ya se reconoce mundialmente.

"La ayuda de Estados Unidos es un ejemplo de la solidaridad y hermandad", añadió Elizabeth de Calderón.

Los 1.8 millones de dólares fueron suscritos hacia la actividad "Educación Infantil a través de la Familia".

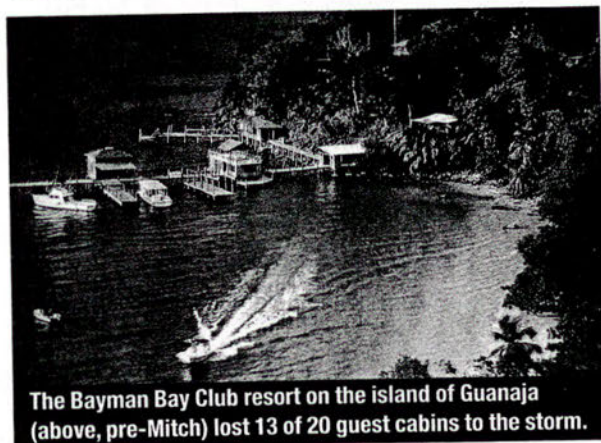
Ambas dignatarias puntualizaron que, hoy día, la educación se vuelve pilar fundamental para generar desarrollo.

Elizabeth de Calderón indicó que el Gobierno salvadoreño invertirá recursos en el capital humano, sobre todo, la niñez.

Agregó que se debe fortalecer el núcleo familiar y establecer responsabilidades compartidas al seno del hogar.

After the Storm

Americans of goodwill help battered Honduras recover from Mitch's assault



The Bayman Bay Club resort on the island of Guanaja (above, pre-Mitch) lost 13 of 20 guest cabins to the storm.

The name is deceptively benign, more appropriate to a favorite uncle than to an agent of mass destruction. But when Hurricane Mitch tore through Central America late last month, it left in its wake a toll far greater than the estimated \$4 billion in property damage. More than 10,000 people died, most of them in Honduras, with hundreds of thousands still at risk from disease. Another 10,000 are missing, and millions are homeless. In response, President Clinton pledged \$80 million in humanitarian aid to complement the million-plus tons of clothes, food, bottled water and medicine that have already been sent by U.S. agencies overwhelmed by calls from people wanting to help. "Never in our history have we had this volume of calls—100,000 in a five-day period," said Ann Stingle of the American Red Cross. "Because it was in our backyard, Americans have responded." What follows are four stories from Honduras of charity, bravery and the will to survive.

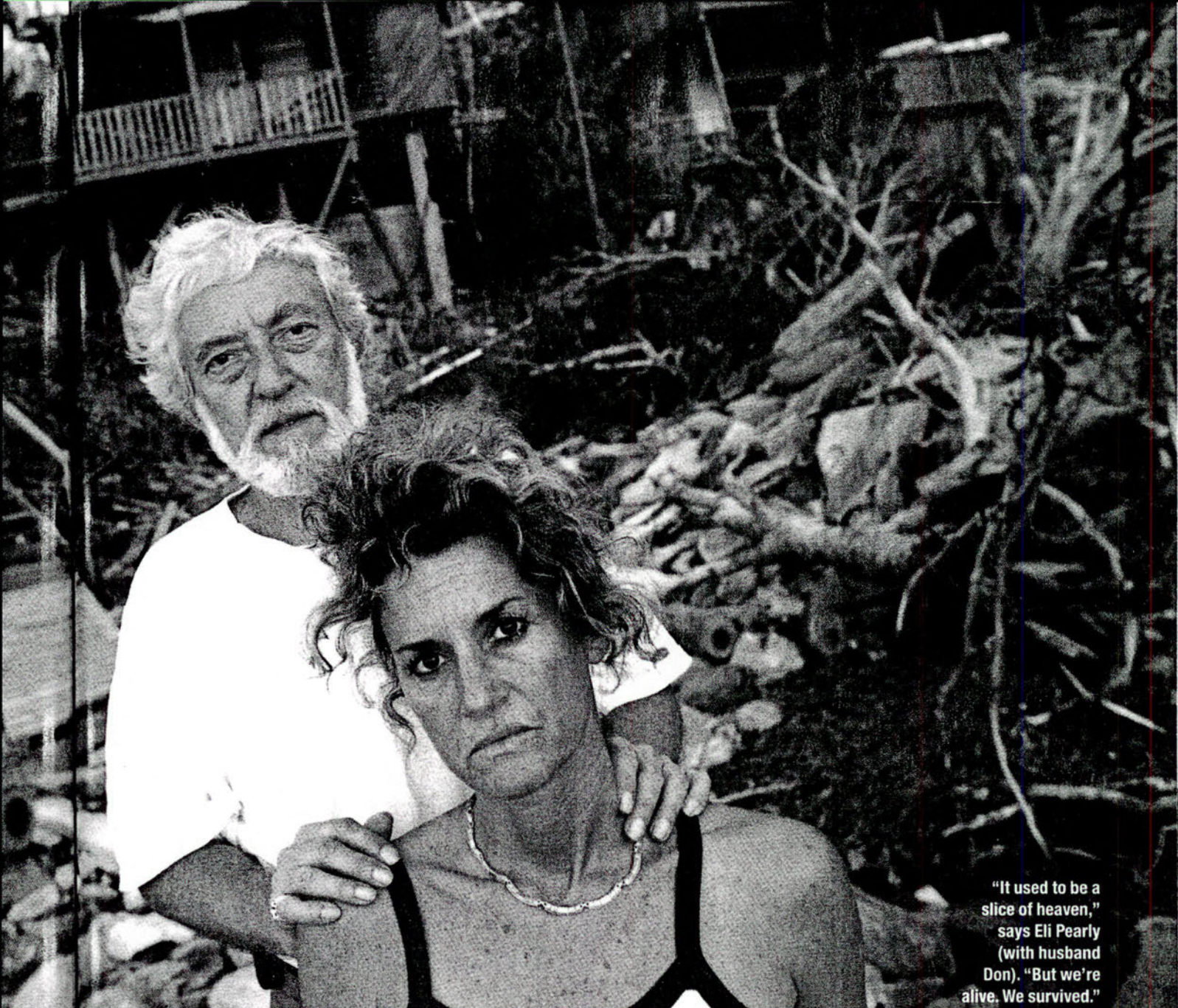
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A Paradise Lost

As guests and staff take refuge in bunkers, Mitch turns an island resort into a landscape of ruin and death

In the brilliant morning sun on the tiny Caribbean island of Guanaja, 25 miles north of mainland Honduras, Don Pearly strokes Pepito, a scarlet macaw that has lost many of his extravagant tail feathers. "He was so nervous during the storm, he plucked them out," explains Pearly, 61, manager of the island's Bayman Bay Club, where Pepito is mascot. "But he's luckier than most of the island's wildlife. The other day I found a flock of green parrots on the ground, all dead." The island itself didn't fare much better. Once a verdant hideaway, it has been transformed into a gray-brown wasteland. "It's as if a giant smashed it," says Pearly's wife, Eli, 48, "then took a blowtorch to all the trees, plants and grass."



"It used to be a slice of heaven," says Eli Pearly (with husband Don). "But we're alive. We survived."

Miraculously, only 8 of Guanaja's 9,000 inhabitants were killed. Still, the living tell harrowing tales. Four American couples came to the Bayman Bay Club for an idyllic week of diving, fishing and strolls on the beach only to find themselves fighting for four desperate days just to survive. "It was the most horrific experience of our lives," says Greg Haslinger, 31, of Spring, Texas. The weather was calm on their first day, Oct. 25, though in retrospect, Haslinger's wife, Lori, 27, recalls ominous signs. "We did three dives, and there were no fish where it should have been thick with them," she says. "Maybe they knew what was coming."

That evening the vacationers enjoyed a lively beach barbecue and limbo dance, unconcerned because Mitch was so far north. The following day, unexpectedly, the storm veered directly toward them, and guests and staffers were herded into two concrete-reinforced cabins. By that night Mitch was blowing gusts up to 280 mph,

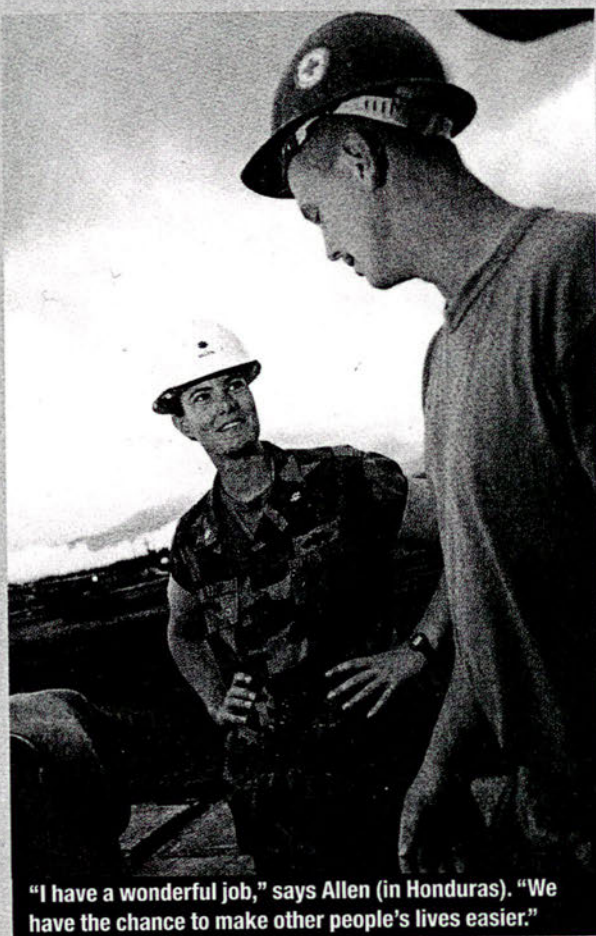
moaning, says Pearly, "like a deep pipe organ." The Pearlys, Haslingers and nine others, huddled in their 15-by-25-foot shelter. With water seeping through the walls to pool on the floor, the metal door shut tight and mattresses covering the windows, it was dank as a tomb and nearly as suffocating. "Whenever we thought the wind had eased," Lori says, "we tried opening the door a crack, all of us getting close to get a whiff of air."

On Oct. 29 the skies lightened, and it seemed Mitch had passed. But it was only the hurricane's eye. Not until two days later was it safe to emerge. "We walked out in a daze, as if we were the first visitors to Mars," says Don Pearly. The guests left for home, while the others were left to piece the Bayman Bay Club back together.

Amid the ruins were signs of hope. In the hollow of a broken tree, Eli Pearly found a newborn kitten, which she named Baby Mitch. "He's the new beginning," she says. "Little by little all the beauty will return." ●

Clearing the Way

Seabee Kathryn Allen, head of the Navy's relief force, helps clean up the wreckage and reopen the roads

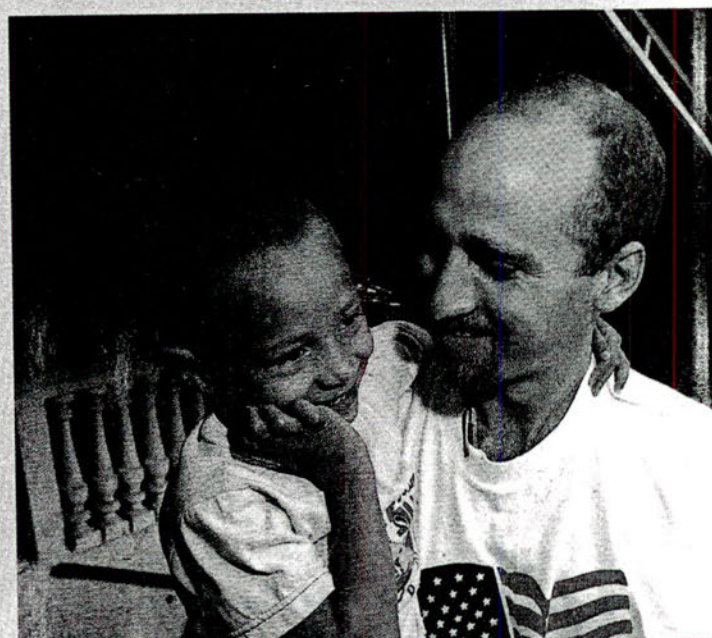


"I have a wonderful job," says Allen (in Honduras). "We have the chance to make other people's lives easier."

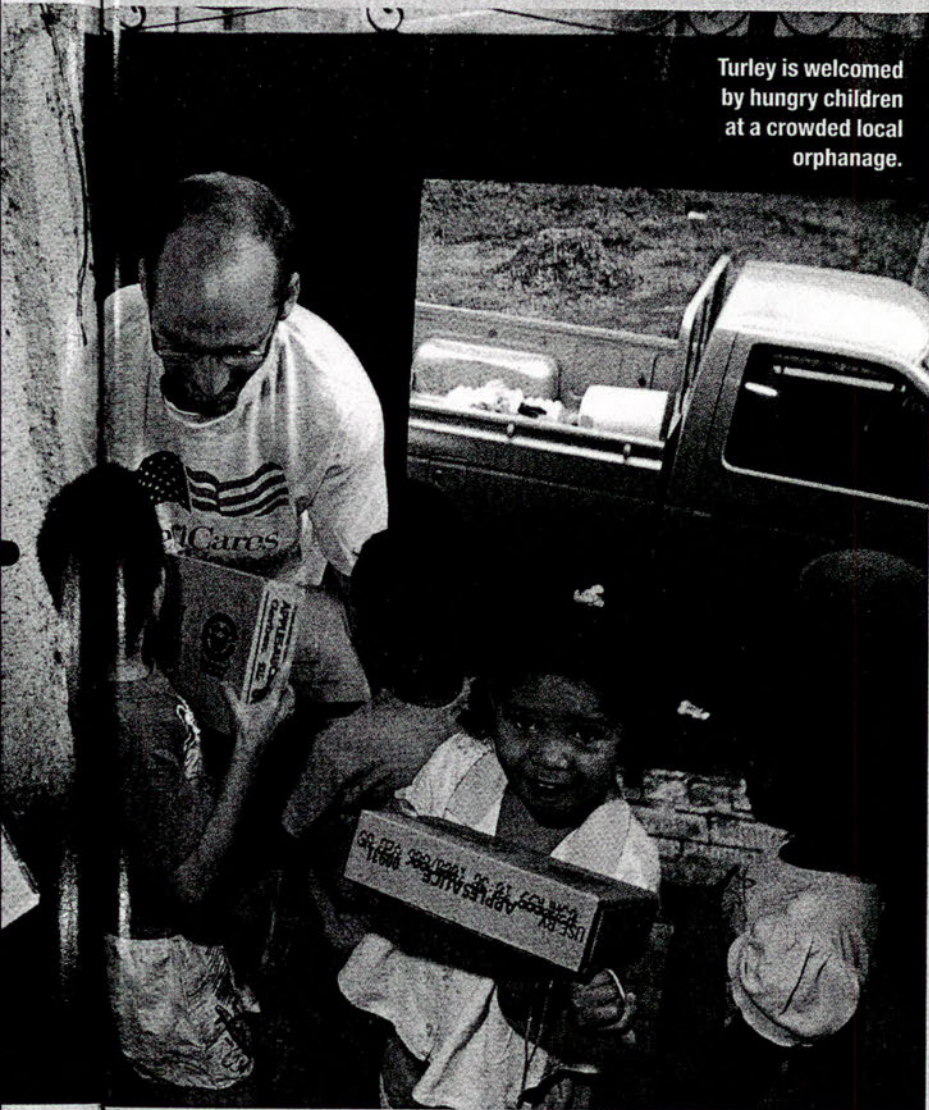
When a 126-member unit of the U.S. Navy's Second Naval Construction Brigade, otherwise known as the Seabees, cleared a dirt road to an isolated village in central Honduras, it didn't take long to see the fruits of their labor. "It allowed the first vehicle in weeks to deliver food and drinking water," says Lt. Comdr. Kathryn Allen, the officer in charge of the Navy's disaster-relief efforts in Honduras. "An old lady gave me a big hug and lots of thank-yous. The whole town—men, women, kids and donkeys—all came out to greet us."

At 34, Allen, who grew up with three younger brothers in Smyrna, Ga., is an 11-year Navy veteran who worked in the Philippines after the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo and in this year's clean-up efforts in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Georges. Though being female makes her a rarity in the Seabees, it also brings a unique perspective to her work. "I'd like to be a real mom someday," says Allen, who is so far single. "In the meantime, that doesn't mean I can't feel maternal toward my job and my troops."

Written by Richard Jerome and Susan Schindehette
Reported by Ron Arias in Honduras



"The world is full of this kind of people," says Turley (in the Honduran capital with a pal). "They need help, even just for a little while."



Turley is welcomed by hungry children at a crowded local orphanage.

Delivering the Goods

Globe-trotting relief worker Tom Turley rides through the rubble, bringing vital supplies to those whose homes were destroyed

Boyish despite thinning hair, relief worker Tom Turley, 33, navigates the shards of wood, glass and metal that litter a hillside in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, where José Hernández's house once stood. "I'm sorry," Turley says in Spanish, surveying the scarred earth after delivering a package of beans, cooking oil and baby food. "I'm lucky," replies Hernández, 27, an artisan. "We're all alive." Four children in his neighborhood died when the terra-cotta roofs of their homes collapsed in torrential rain and buried them. Of their own ordeal, Norma, 28, Hernández's wife, recalls, "The house began to move. Right after we left, it started to slide away, then collapsed and disappeared under the mud." She, José and their daughter, Marlen, 5, now share a converted classroom with two other families.

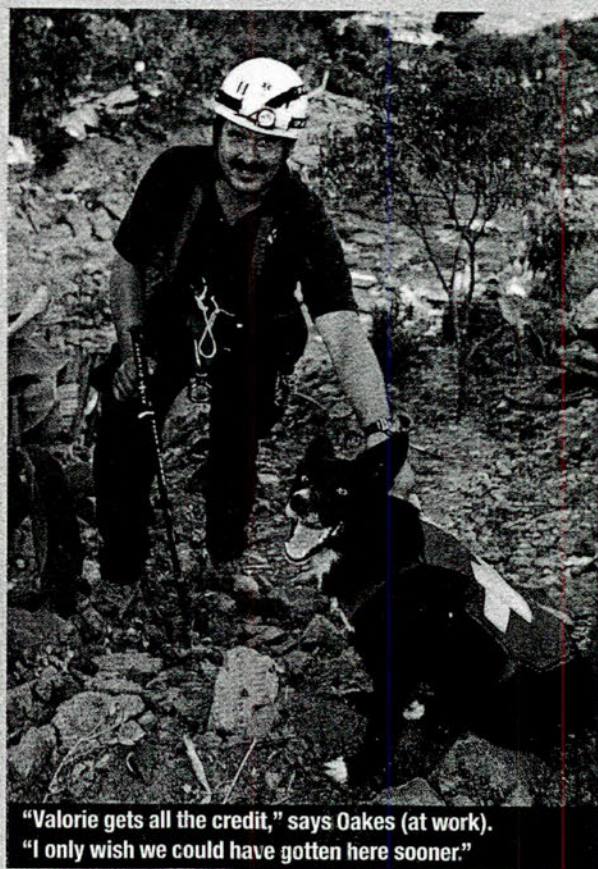
"They're living way out on the edge," says Harrison, N.Y., native Turley, a veteran of a dozen relief missions for the non-profit group AmeriCares. Single, he relaxes by rock climbing and running with the bulls at Pamplona, Spain. "I like to push the edge, too," he says. "But the big difference between me and José Hernández is that I can *choose* to live dangerously."

The Last Detail

To comfort the living, Harry Oakes Jr. and his search dog Valorie hunt for the dead

Harry Oakes Jr. knows his search along the rubble-strewn banks of the Choluteca River is futile. "We won't find anyone still alive," says the 42-year-old professional search-and-rescue expert from Portland, Ore., who paid his own way to Honduras. "But at least maybe we'll bring some peace to families who want to bury their loved ones." At his side is Valorie, a 4-year-old search dog who, in 988 missions following avalanches, earthquakes and bombings, has found 117 people and 264 pets—some dead, some alive. On this trip, the Border collie-kelpie mix, whom Oakes trained after finding her at the pound, has located more than a dozen bodies. "She's done excellent work," says Oakes, a former police officer, "but it's been a tough, tough day."

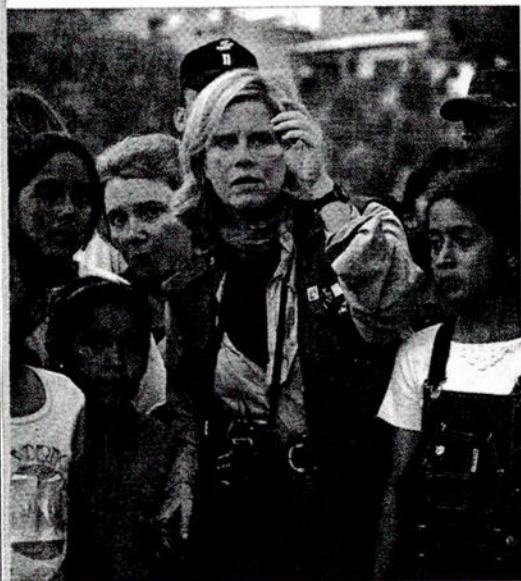
Just a week before, this divorced father of a 16-year-old son was watching news of the Honduran devastation from his living room. Now, the lingering scent of death is taking its toll on man and dog. Valorie is "very depressed and jittery. She shows it by whining and barking," says Oakes. As for her master? "When so much death gets to me," he says, "I cry—and keep working."



"Valorie gets all the credit," says Oakes (at work). "I only wish we could have gotten here sooner."

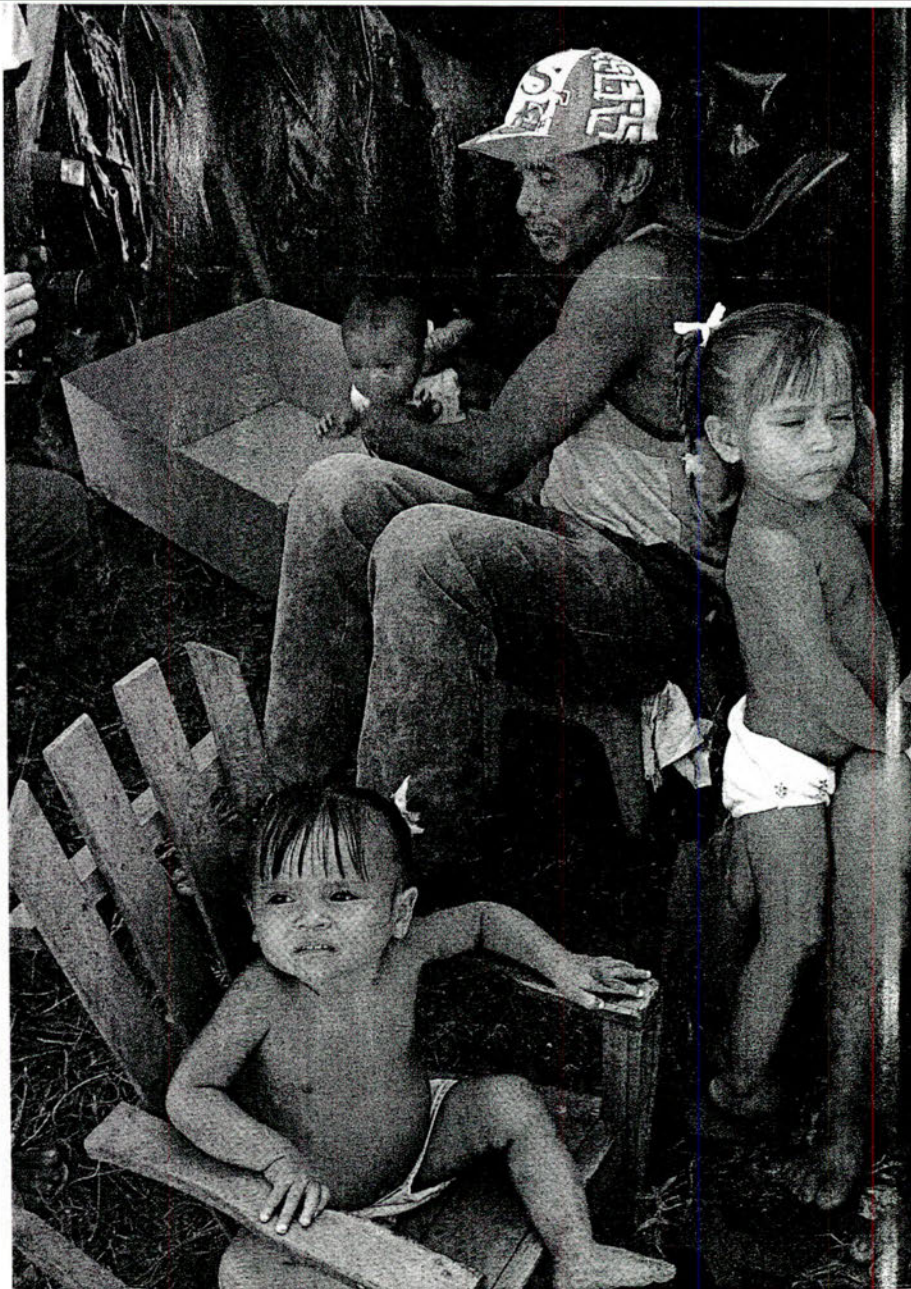
Being There

Tipper Gore's photographs tell the story of a ravaged people's refusal to quit



GREGORY BILL/AP

"The country is devastated, but not the people's spirit," says Gore (in Honduras).



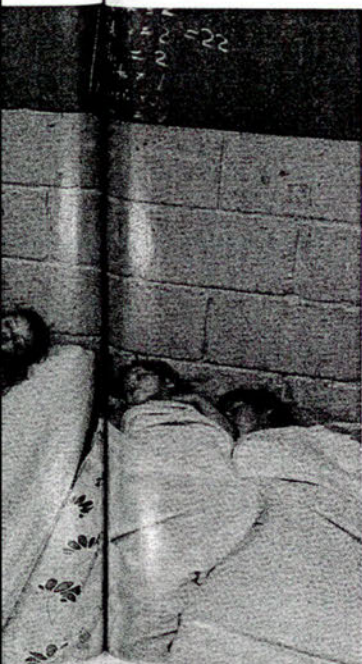
Like so many Americans who watched from afar, Tipper Gore was horrified by the human misery caused by Hurricane Mitch. But for the wife of the Vice President, the involvement didn't end there. On Nov. 10, at the President's request, Gore led a 10-person delegation to hard-hit areas of Honduras and Nicaragua, bringing food, water and medical supplies. "We wanted to bring aid and show solidarity," she told PEOPLE. "But we also were there just to comfort people." After arriving in Tegucigalpa, "we shoveled mud out of a local school for hours so it could be used as a medical facility, and fed rice and beans to the hungry." That night, along with Honduran First Lady Mary Flake de Flores, she slept in a military tent. "I talked to a woman who was six months pregnant and had lost her husband, and to a middle-aged man who was blind," she says. "Everyone had a story of where they were the night the river came." Gore, 50, a professional photographer, captured these images and spoke with correspondent Margery Sellinger about the scenes of loss and courage she witnessed. •

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“This family in a refugee camp outside Managua had only what they could scavenge, including a box for the baby to sleep in. Tons of this dark plastic sheeting from the U.S. are being used with twine to make the barest shelter.”

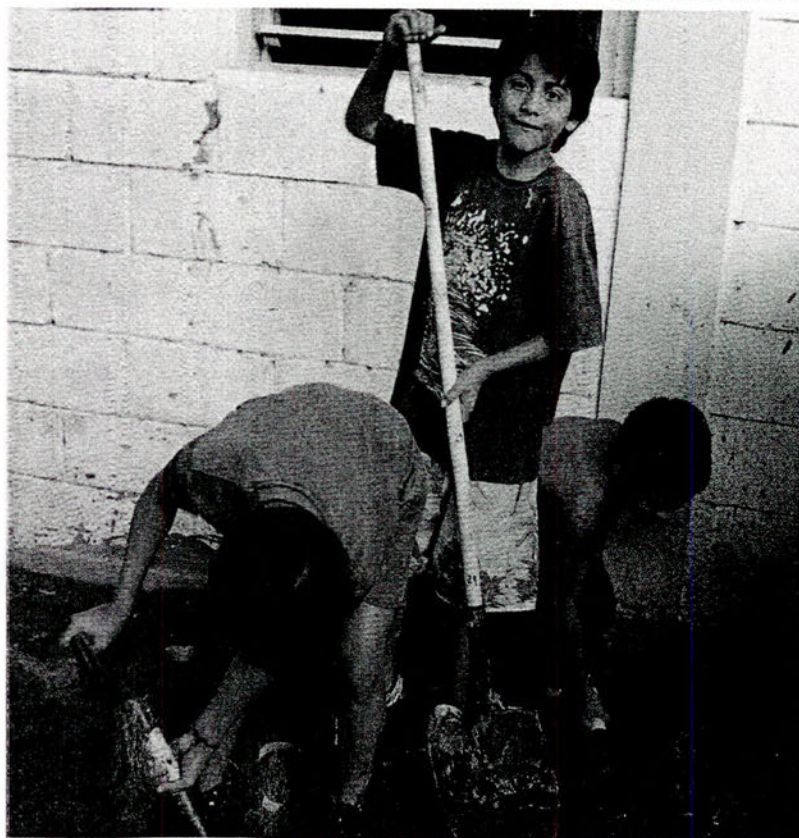


“The woman in yellow at this shelter had several children who were asleep. She was crying, and the other woman, Mary Flake de Flores, the First Lady of Honduras, was just holding her—comforting her in her arms.”



“In the Barrio el Chile near Honduras’s capital, people had organized a feeding center, and these women taught us how to make tortillas. At the left is Juan, a community leader. There was a spirit of ‘We’re in this together and we’ll get through it.’ Kids were taking care of other kids.”

“I was amazed that people weren’t overcome by sadness. Most had lost homes or somebody in their family. In this neighborhood near Tegucigalpa we shoveled mud out of a school. I didn’t know when people had slept last, but the kids were pitching in as much as we were.”



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A black and white photograph of two women sitting at a round, polished wooden table. The woman on the left has short, light-colored hair and is wearing a dark, long-sleeved top with a pearl necklace. The woman on the right has short, dark hair and is wearing a patterned jacket over a dark collared shirt. Both women are smiling warmly at the camera. The background shows a paneled wall. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, partially covering the table and the woman on the right.

Мы были рады, что высокие
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В наш клуб супруги президентов приехали в то время, когда для их мужей наступила очередная полоса испытаний. Ельцин боролся с последствиями экономического кризиса, Клинтон с трудом пытался выглядеть уверенным и невозмутимым после своего печально известного признания. Президенты встречались в Кремле, их супруги – в гостях у "Домашнего Очага".

Конечно, мы волновались перед встречей. Но оказалось, что напрасно. Ведь в первую очередь все мы женщины, матери и все мы хранительницы своего домашнего очага. Поэтому найти общий язык, когда речь идет о семье, о наших общих проблемах, будущем детей, оказалось совсем нетрудно. Мы были рады, что и высокие гости чувствовали себя раскованно и были расположены к неформальному общению, пусть даже и перед объективами огромного числа теле- и фотокамер. Они ответили на все вопросы, обращенные к ним, и с интересом отнеслись к своим собеседникам.

Хиллари КЛИНТОН:

"Все мои планы связаны с сегодняшним днем"



Я благодарна "Домашнему Очагу" за возможность встретиться с российскими женщинами и поговорить о том, что нас всех объединяет – о нашем будущем, о детях, о семье. Мне нравится приезжать в Москву, встречаться с друзьями, с госпожой Ельциной, и я с готовностью обменяюсь с вами мнениями по тем вопросам, которые интересуют всех, и, возможно, сообщу мы найдем решения некоторых проблем.

Вашей дочери 19 лет. Говорят, чтобы не потерять эмоциональный контакт с ребенком, нужно найти с ним общее дело. Есть ли такое дело у вас с Челси?

У матери и дочери существует множество путей найти общий язык. Но, безусловно, в нашей семье ситуация не совсем обычная. В Белом доме есть люди, которые по роду своей деятельности заботятся о нас. Но до этого мы с Челси иногда вместе готовили. Правда, у нас это не всегда хорошо получалось: должна признаться, дочь готовит сейчас лучше, чем я. Но мы проводим много времени вдвоем, у нас множество тем для разговоров. Я считаю, что очень важно как можно больше общаться с детьми, отдавать им свою любовь и внимание, но, конечно же, не стоит забывать и о дисциплине. Да, темп, в котором мы живем, постоянно растет, и в ежедневной спешке становится все труднее находить время для семьи, для обычных домашних дел. Но как бы мы ни были заняты, нужно вместе путешествовать, заниматься спортом, ходить в кино и потом обсуждать с детьми фильмы. Это очень важно.

А какие блюда вы готовили вместе с Челси?

У нас много разных рецептов. Я расскажу одну историю. Однажды (это было в 1993 году), когда мы только въехали в Белый дом, дочь немного приболела, и я решила приготовить для нее яблочное пюре. Я пошла на кухню, чтобы найти посуду и необходимые продукты, но штатный повар вдруг стал страшно волноваться и суетиться: "Что случилось? Видимо, что-то не так, если она решила сама готовить!!!" В конце концов мне помогли найти все необходимое, я приготовила это пюре, но впредь уже не повторяла таких экспериментов. Я поняла, что не стоит отнимать чужой хлеб и делать кого-то безработным.

У вашей дочери есть заветная мечта?

Челси учится в университете, и, я думаю, ей удастся достичь всего, о чем она мечтает.

Как в характере американских женщин сочетается любовь к дому, к семье и традиционная эмансипированность?

Наверное, как и женщины в других странах, многие американки, перед тем как родить ребенка, решают сложную проблему: как сочетать работу и домашние дела. У нас проводились специальные исследования среди работающих женщин. Они показали, что, несмотря на то, что у современной женщины есть множество "помощников" по дому – бытовых машин и технических приспособлений, совмещать домашнее хозяйство и профессиональную деятельность очень трудно. Эту проблему нам еще предстоит решить в будущем веке. Необходимо помогать работающим женщинам, у которых есть маленькие дети, добиваться увеличения минимальной зарплаты и уменьшения налогов для них. Надеюсь, что в XXI веке женщина будет иметь больше возможностей выбирать свой путь – воспитывать детей или заниматься карьерой и общество научится уважать ее выбор. Ни один экономист не может до конца оценить ту работу, которую проделывают дома женщины. Решиться бы нам и на один день забросить все домашние дела – общество смогло бы оценить все по достоинству.

КЛУБ ПЕРВЫХ ДАМ

Прислушивается ли когда-нибудь американский президент к советам своей супруги?

Мы с мужем работаем уже 27 лет, с тех самых пор как встретились в юридической школе. Мы проводим много времени вместе, обсуждая различные вопросы. Когда муж был губернатором, я занималась проблемами здоровья и образования и с удовольствием продолжила эту работу уже в Белом доме. Я знаю, что президент никогда не прислушивается к мнению только одного человека, он говорит со мной, со своими помощниками и предпочитает сначала получить максимум информации и только потом принять собственное решение.

Чем вы планируете заняться, когда ваш муж покинет Белый дом?

Наина Иосифовна ЕЛЬЦИНА:

"Когда муж уже не будет президентом, мы начнем жить как все нормальные люди"



Я очень рада встрече с читательницами "Домашнего Очага". К сожалению, я впервые участвую в клубном заседании, хотя знаю, что журнал существует уже более трех лет. Журнал очень хороший. Он помогает женщинам не только увидеть, понять, но и преодолеть те трудности, с которыми они сталкиваются в жизни. В журнале много позитивного, что очень приятно.

Вы не только супруга президента, но и мама двух дочерей и бабушка пятерых внуков. Скажите, какие семейные праздники вы проводите вместе, всей семьей?

Мы все семейные праздники стараемся справлять вместе, в кругу семьи. У

Пока у меня никаких планов нет, я сконцентрирована на том, чем занимаюсь сейчас. Все, что меня интересует, связано исключительно с сегодняшним днем.

Обычно домашние животные выбирают среди своих хозяев только одного человека, которому доверяют полностью. Кто является истинным хозяином вашей собаки?

Похоже, наш пес сам себе хозяин. Но все же основные обязанности по уходу за ним лежат на мне. Эти двое — президент и собака — по-моему, прекрасно ладят друг с другом и проводят вместе чудесные минуты. Вообще, мы очень рады, что у нас есть это существо. Кстати, один из президентов Соединенных Штатов, Гарри Трумэн, однажды сказал такую фразу: "Если вам нужен друг в Вашингтоне — заведите собаку".

детей, внуков часто собираются свои компании, иногда мы тоже присоединяемся, когда к ним приходят друзья. И, конечно, всегда готовимся к приходу любого гостя.

Мы слышали, что в вашей семье любят домашние пельмени. Вы действительно готовите их сами или дочери помогают?

Да бывало, что на всю семью мы делали и по тысяче штук.

Наверное, при помощи специальной машинки?

Нет, что вы, только вручную. По старому рецепту — раскатываете "колбаску" из теста и так далее... Правда, сейчас, когда мы живем в резиденции, для нас готовит повар, но нередко, если есть время, субботу и воскресенье я провожу на кухне. Просто я давно приучила детей и внуков к домашним блюдам, и они любят мою стряпню, просят меня готовить. Но это совсем не обременительно, я люблю это делать.

Прислушивается ли президент к вашим советам?

Что вы, никогда в жизни он этого не делал. Поэтому мне смешно, когда в газетах пишут о том, что семья активно влияет на президента. Это совершенно не так, нужно как минимум Институт международных отношений окончить, чтобы дать ему какой-то совет... Он

Какими вы видите отношения между нашими странами в будущем?

Я считаю, что мы вместе должны создавать условия, которые позволят нашим детям осуществить свои мечты. До того как приехать в Россию, у меня было много встреч и разговоров в правительстве о том, как создать лучшие условия для сотрудничества между нашими странами. США собирается начать в России 10 новых юридических программ, рассчитанных на помощь женщинам и детям. Мы будем проводить специальные тренинги для судей по проблемам домашнего насилия. Я очень рада сообщить, что 5,9 миллиона долларов будут направлены на многолетние программы сотрудничества негосударственных организаций. Мы очень хотим, чтобы Россия и особенно российские дети имели то будущее, которое они заслуживают. Надеюсь, что в XXI веке это осуществится.

слушает всех, кроме родных. Кстати, эта черта передалась и детям.

Как вы считаете, существует ли в нашей стране проблема дискриминации женщин?

Я бы сказала, что как таковой дискриминации у нас не существовало, мы всегда были равноправны. Сколько я себя помню, меня никто в правах не ущемлял. В нашей семье мы все делали на равных: воспитывали детей, оба много работали. Конечно, в нынешнее время женщинам приходится сложнее с трудоустройством, я даже знаю, что зачастую и платят им меньше, чем мужчинам. Поэтому я считаю, что женщину обязательно нужно поддерживать в обществе, ведь на ее плечах двойная нагрузка: с одной стороны, семья, дети, забота о муже, с другой — занятость на работе наравне с мужчиной. Обязательно нужно думать, как сохранить здоровье женщины, особенно сейчас, когда все услуги становятся платными... Женщина дает жизнь ребенку и должна беречь свое здоровье не только для себя, но и для маленького.

Что вы планируете делать, когда закончится срок президентства вашего мужа?

Я думаю, что мы будем жить как все нормальные люди, и я не боюсь этого момента. Трудно загадывать, но мы уже были в разных ситуациях и остаемся оптимистами.

ПЕРВЫЕ И — ЕДИНСТВЕННЫЕ

**“Не сутулься, носки врозь
и помни — кто ты такая”.**

Л. Кэррол. “Алиса в Зазеркалье”.

Это все видели по телевизору. На зеленую лужайку приземляется вертолет, и из него выходит он, она и их дочь.

Он держит на поводке собаку. Они берутся за руки и идут по лужайке. Дочь в середине. Она — связующее звено в этой короткой цепочке. За несколько дней до этого они появлялись вдвоем, крепко и нежно держась за руки. Но теперь...

Все ждали — кто с любопытством, кто с сочувствием, кто со злорадством, как поведут они себя теперь, после всей грязи, которую вылили на него никому до этого не известные, страдающие “геростратовым комплексом” женщины. Опять появятся, держась за руки, или...

Не знаю, само собой так получилось, или кто-то подсказал, или сама Челси, их дочь, так решила (“Моя дочь часто делает некоторые вещи лучше, чем я”), но это было прекрасно. Семья, достойно и спокойно удаляющаяся от вертолета и от репортеров. Только собака — молодой и резвый щенок дергал за поводок, и ему приходилось, сбиваясь с шага, удерживать не в меру разыгравшегося пса (“Они оба получают удовольствие, когда вместе гуляют — и собака, и президент”).

Ее не полюбили сразу, как только она стала первой леди. Слишком самостоятельна, слишком умна, слишком независима. И их президент слишком прислушивается к ее советам. Да, она — такая и не собиралась этого скрывать и притворяться. В конце концов, что постыдного в том, что муж прислушивается к мнению умной, преданной и любимой женщины? Но пришлось уступить. Она уступила и отступила в тень своего мужа.

Они рядом двадцать семь лет, все и всегда они делали вдвоем. И ее ум, характер, профессия, ее честолюбие и воля — все шло в его копилку и сыграло свою роль, когда он сражался на выборах и — победил!

Он уже второй срок президент огромной, благополучной страны, его любят, ему верят, и теперь все полюбили, оценили и восхитились его женой. Она теперь не только первая леди, жена президента, она — их Хиллари. Они оценили и ее ум, и ее преданность, и ее выдержку, и ее чувство собственного достоинства. Они, наконец, поняли, что это не недостатки, это — качества, за которые можно и надо если не любить, то уважать.

Июнь 1996 года. Только что в нашей стране прошли президентские выборы. В телестудии журналист берет интервью у Наины Ельциной, поздравляет ее. Она вежливо благодарит. Но в ее глазах нет счастья. Она, как никто, знает, какой ценой досталась эта победа и что последует дальше, совсем скоро.

Она не делится этим своим страшным для нее знанием в этот радостный для его сторонников день, она не может испортить им праздник. Он для них — здоровый, энергичный, решительный президент. А для нее — любимый человек, ко-

торому предстоит тяжелейшая операция на сердце. И хорошо, если все хорошо кончится, а если нет...

“Что вы будете делать, если президенту придется уйти?” — вопрос два года спустя.

“Будем жить, как все нормальные люди. Мы были в разных ситуациях и никогда не пропадали”.

Они — разные женщины. И кажется, что они такие же, как мы, мы ведь тоже все разные. Но они не такие. У них уникальная профессия — первые леди. Вторых и третьих нет. Первые — они же и единственные. Они всегда на виду, и им ничего не прощается. Это только кажется, что они могут себе позволить то, о чем другие не могут и мечтать. Да, они могут позволить себе многое, но еще больше — не могут. Сравнивать их с нами нельзя, и все же нам всем есть чему у них поучиться.

“Черт возьми! Вы хорошо держитесь в седле”, — говорит героине известного спектакля один из ее друзей.

“Вы хорошо держитесь в седле”, — хочется сказать этим двум таким обыкновенным и необыкновенным женщинам, Наине Ельциной и Хиллари Клинтон.

Нонна Само



В Новый год мы делимся с теми, кто нам близок и дорог, радостью и ожиданием чего-то нового, светлого и доброго. Дарите близким и любимым тепло вашей души вместе с Нескафе Классик!

С Новым годом, дорогие друзья!

Это заседание нашего клуба было не совсем обычным благодаря нашим гостям. Для разговора мы выбрали тему, устремленную в будущее: "Русские женщины на пороге XXI века".

О БУДУЩЕМ

Кем бы мы ни были – учеными, бизнес-леди, домохозяйками или женами президентов, следующий век волнует нас прежде всего как время, в котором предстоит жить нашим детям. Каким будет их будущее, смогут

ли они реализовать свои мечты? Будут ли жить в безопасном правовом обществе, иметь возможность учиться и путешествовать, захотят ли среди других приоритетов выбрать для себя ценности семьи, тепло домашнего очага?

Мы уверены – многое зависит и от нас, а потому пригласили в гости людей, которые уже сегодня начали делать то, что предстоит завершить будущему поколению в следующем веке.

Итак, у нас в гостях были:

Марина Пискалова, директор кризисного центра для женщин "Анна"

Мы привыкли считать, что семья – самое безопасное место на земле. Однако бывает, что даже дома женщина и ее дети страдают от физического, морального или материального диктата мужа и отца. Марина Пискалова 8 лет назад первая в нашей стране создала службу помощи женщинам, пострадавшим от насилия в семье. Сейчас в России открыто 32 кризисных центра, где женщины получают юридическую и психологическую помощь.

Марина Пискалова: "Я считаю, что "бытовое насилие" – это не просто проблема конкретной семьи, а всего общества. Именно обществом такое поведение должно восприниматься как недопустимое. Не хотелось бы, чтобы эта проблема перешла в будущий век".

Галина Крылова, адвокат Московской коллегии адвокатов

Галина ведет в нашем журнале страничку юриста, а как практикующий адвокат занимается вопросами конституционного права. Ее советы вселяют уверенность в свои силы и правоту, помогают без страха смотреть в завтрашний день.

Галина Крылова: "Я считаю, что в следующем веке мы должны жить в правовом пространстве. Но, чтобы уметь отстаивать свои права в обществе, каждой женщине необходимо построить такое пространство в своей семье. Для этого я не только консультирую читателей нашего журнала, но и работаю над домашней юридической энциклопедией, где в доступной форме объясняю сложные проблемы права".

АНДРЕЙ КОЗЛОВСКИЙ

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Наталья Горчакова: "Приходите в наш театр!"



Наталья Шарабарина: "А моя дочь мечтает о принце"



Наина Ельцина и Екатерина Ступакова с командой "Домашнего Очага".

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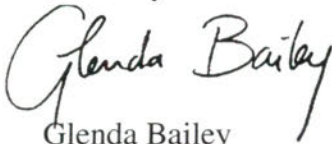
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