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**BELOVED CIVIC LEADER MADELEINE HAAS RUSSELL
PASSES AWAY AT AGE 84**

One of San Francisco's most beloved civic leaders, Madeleine Haas Russell, passed away quietly at her San Francisco home on Friday, April 2, 1999, her 84th birthday. Mrs. Russell, a great grandniece of Levi Strauss, was extremely active on behalf of causes ranging from the abolition of the death penalty to human rights advocacy and prevention of war, as well as one of the city's biggest supporters of arts and culture. A tireless advocate for the Democratic party, although reared in a family of Republicans, Mrs. Russell took great pride in her appointment by John F. Kennedy as Director of the U.S. State Department Reception Center in San Francisco, a position she held for seven years, and of the support she gave over the years to candidates in mayoral, senatorial, and presidential races. Said First Lady Hillary Clinton today, "Mrs. Russell has made her mark as a citizen, humanitarian, and philanthropist. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for making our country a better place."

Mrs. Russell, a fourth-generation San Franciscan, was born in 1915 and orphaned at the age of 12 upon the death of her widowed father, Charles Haas, head of the San Francisco business firm of Haas Brothers. The same year also saw the death of her grandfather Jacob Stern, a favorite nephew of Levi Strauss and successor to him as president of Levi Strauss & Company. She attended Smith College, graduating with a B.A. magna cum laude in 1937 and married Leon B. Russell in 1946.

Heir to large fortunes from both sides of the family, Mrs. Russell began her philanthropic work almost as soon as she came of age. Looking back on a lifetime of support for controversial causes in an article in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* last May, Mrs. Russell declined to be portrayed as a heroine. But the hundreds of institutions which have benefited from her support would beg to differ.

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An independent thinker with ideas not always in keeping with the current fashion, Mrs. Russell and her brother William founded the Columbia Foundation in 1940, one of California's earliest private foundations and one which continues to support a wide range of environmental, cultural and social causes. One of the foundation's first grants was given to the Japanese American Student Relocation Council, making it possible for students forced into California relocation camps during WWII to continue their studies at Eastern U.S. universities. Another early awardee was the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists to help discourage the further use of nuclear weapons and energy, a donation which was gratefully acknowledged by a note from Albert Einstein, the group's founding chairman.

Another example of Mrs. Russell's maverick style is her post-War Bauhaus mansion in Presidio Heights. Her neighbors were horrified when she razed her grandfather's grand brick mansion and replaced it in 1950 with a simple modern structure by noted architect Erich Mendelsohn, which still contrasts with the Tudor manses around it.

A world traveler, Mrs. Russell kept up her fluent childhood French, and was conversant in German and Spanish. She continued to indulge her adventurous spirit well into her late 70's and early 80's, with recent trips to Ladakh, Bhutan, Tibet, China, Equador and the Galapagos Islands. She loved gardening, fishing, horseback riding, and swimming; and, in her 70's, she went parasailing for the first time. She was well-known by many in the Bay Area for her gifts of fresh eggs and produce which she raised on her property in Atherton. Her appreciation of haute couture was reflected in her beautiful attire; she was a long-time customer of Dior and other fashion houses in Paris. Her enthusiasm for diverse cultures and points of view was reflected in the mixtures of people she regularly hosted on Sunday afternoons during her summers in Atherton. Above all, she was devoted to her family -- to her children and grandchildren -- and spending time together in the Bay Area and in travels throughout the world.

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Up to the time of her death she was also actively serving on the boards of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace (of which she was a founding director), the Asia Foundation, the San Francisco Opera Association, Brandeis University, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Columbia Foundation. She had also completed tenures on the boards of KQED (where she served as chair), the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, and the Levi Strauss Foundation. Mrs. Russell's strong connection to the Jewish community was expressed by her early, steadfast, and enthusiastic support for the State of Israel and for local Jewish community institutions including the Jewish Community Federation and Congregation Emanu-El.

As an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, she served as the sole California National Committeewoman in 1972, and traveled as California Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1976 and 1977. She was Co-Chair of the Host Committee for the 1984 Democratic National Conventions in San Francisco. She also served on many Democratic Party committees and councils, and contributed her time and energy to dozens of national Democratic candidates, including the U.S. Senate campaigns of Dianne Feinstein, Edmund G. Brown Jr., and Alan Cranston; the presidential campaigns of Frank Church, Michael Dukakis, and Bill Clinton; and the congressional campaigns of Tom Lantos and Nancy Pelosi.

The worlds of theatre, music, and fine arts were frequent recipients of her attention and largesse. Recently, major contributions were made to San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Asian Art Museum Foundation, as well as to the American Friends of Covent Garden, and the American Friends of the Almeida Theatre (an up-and-coming presenter of cutting-edge theatre in London). It was her goal to provide access to the arts to the widest possible audience.

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Her interest in the environment was expressed through significant support to many groups, such as those working to protect the Headwaters Forest, including the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Environmental Protection Information Center. Among the earliest to appreciate the danger of an agriculture system dependent on chemicals, Mrs. Russell funded the first laboratory in the U.C. system (U.C. Santa Cruz) devoted to growing produce sustainably and organically.

As president of the Columbia Foundation, Mrs. Russell directed many awards to groups focused on protecting human rights, including support for abolition of the death penalty, for the normalization of attitudes towards homosexuality, and for the right to die with dignity. She was one of the earliest supporters of two community initiatives in the Bay Area: the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park, and the National Center for International Schools.

Mrs. Russell is survived by her three children and their families: Alice and Bill Russell-Shapiro, and their children Maddie and Will, of San Francisco; Christine H. Russell and Mark Schlesinger, and their children Charlie and Ben, of San Francisco; and Charles P. Russell and Soujata Devaris, and their son Alasdair, of London. A public memorial will be held Thursday, April 8 at 3:30pm, at Temple Emanu-El, Arguello and Lake Streets, San Francisco. Memorial donations may be made to the charitable institutions of special interest to Mrs. Russell.

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At the National Women's Information Center, a resource center that women can contact by phone (1-800-994-WOMAN) or over the Internet (www.4woman.gov) with health-related questions, the No. 1 issue is not heart disease or reproductive health. It's not cancer, AIDS or osteoporosis. It's menopause. Women—especially women my age—want to know what to expect, what therapies work and what the risks and benefits are. This is one area where we don't have all the answers, but we're working hard to get them.

Our budget for women's health issues in this country has grown by more than \$1 billion in four years, and now tops \$4 billion. We have an office of women's health inside every major health agency. We have women's health centers in our major universities. And we have a strong network of advocacy organizations. The progress is gratifying, but our nation must be committed to getting the answers that will save women's lives, so that in the next century no son will lose his mother to breast cancer, and no husband will lose his wife to heart disease or any of the cancers that now claim 563,000 American lives each year. We must seize the opportunity so that in the 21st century our children will learn about these awful diseases only in their history books.

Encourage your special someone to get a mammogram today! The risk of breast cancer increases as you get older.



Personal concern: At health events, with Chelsea, Virginia Kelley (president's mother)

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celebrate life. Until the day she died, she kept a sampler by her makeup table that read: "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle." But if we are to wipe out breast cancer and all the other diseases that afflict us today, we will need more than courage and good humor. We will need real dedication to the task of developing new treatments and prevention techniques. We will need the commitment of medical researchers, doctors and advocates, as well as a steady and sustained investment in research. And we will need the continued support of the president—a man who knows what it means to lose his mother to breast cancer and who

Where You Can Turn

THERE ARE DOZENS of Web sites, toll-free numbers and books dedicated to issues in women's health. Many are published by leading universities and medical institutions. Even the U.S. Public Health Service offers links to various federal agencies that provide useful information. Here's a sampling:

Web Sites

www.betterhealth.com

The Better Health channel in the iVillage network features information on recent medical research, a chat room and even a free virtual checkup.



www.4woman.gov

A creation of the U.S. Public Health Service, the Web site links you to scores of federal agencies and publications as well as to private-sector organizations concerned with women's health issues.

www.goaskalice.columbia.edu

Produced by the Columbia University Health Service, the site gives you the chance to "Go Ask Alice" about your physical, emotional and spiritual health. Definitely for the young.

www.healthwomen.org

This national clearinghouse of information and resources about women's health charges a nominal fee (about \$8) for in-depth reports on specific topics.

www.mayohealth.org

Click on to the Mayo Clinic's Women's Health Center for news of medical breakthroughs, referrals to a comprehensive collection of articles covering health issues—and the chance to have your health questions answered by Mayo Clinic physicians.

www.navigator.tufts.edu

A good starting point for the novice seeking nutritional advice. One key feature: a ratings guide to other related sites.

www.sleepfoundation.org

Produced by the National Sleep Foundation, this site covers everything from sleep patterns during your monthly cycle to Pregnancy: Sleeping for Two.

Toll-free Numbers

American Academy of Dermatology
888-462-3376

American Cancer Society
800-227-2345

American Dietetic Association Consumer Nutrition Hot Line
800-366-1655

Arthritis Foundation
800-283-7800

CDC Information Network (AIDS, STDs, TB)
800-458-5231

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO)
800-719-9154

National Mental Health Association
800-969-NMHA (6642)

National STD Hotline
800-227-8922

Osteoporosis National Resource Center
800-624-2663

Books

Nutrition for Women: The Complete Guide

by Elizabeth Somer
(Henry Holt & Co., 1993, \$15.95)
Provides information on nutrition during pregnancy, breast-feeding, menopause and athletic competition, as well as diets for alleviating the impact of specific diseases.

Our Bodies, Ourselves for the New Century

by Boston Women's Health Book Collective
(Simon & Schuster, 1998, \$24)
The original sourcebook on health written by and for women comes of age with this newly revised edition. For many readers it continues to be a bible in the field.

The Planned Parenthood Women's Health Encyclopedia
(Crown, 1996, \$22)
A standard reference book, moving alphabetically from abortion to yoga. Each of its brief entries contains guidelines on whom to contact for further information on the subject.

Woman to Woman
by Yvonne S. Thornton, M.D.
(Dutton, 1997, \$24.95)
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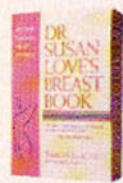
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The Women's Concise Guide to Emotional Well-Being
by Karen J. Carlson, M.D., Stephanie A. Eisenstat, M.D., and Terra Ziporyn, Ph.D. (Harvard University Press, 1997, \$14.95)

Looks at a variety of subjects—among them depression, anxiety and personality disorders—that influence a woman's physical health.

Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book

by Susan M. Love, M.D.
(Perseus Books, 1995, 2d edition, revised, \$17)



A full discussion of its subject, with chapters on women's anatomy, common problems of the breast and how to live with breast cancer. Especially useful for women and families trying to decide on the advantages and disadvantages of various cancer treatments.

Woman's Body: An Owner's Manual, edited by Margaret Doyle (Contemporary Books, 1999, \$16.95)

Up-to-the-minute information about the female physique, causes of disease, the role of counseling and alternative medicine.

The PDR Family Guide to Women's Health and Prescription Drugs

(Medical Economics, 1994, \$24.95)
A comprehensive guide to a wide variety of health concerns, plus detailed information on the prescription drugs women use most.

American Medical Association Complete Guide to Women's Health

edited by Ramona I. Slupik, M.D.
(Random House, 1996, \$39.50)
Carrying the imprimatur of the nation's most established medical organization, this is a comprehensive, highly illustrated guide that will be useful for women of all ages.



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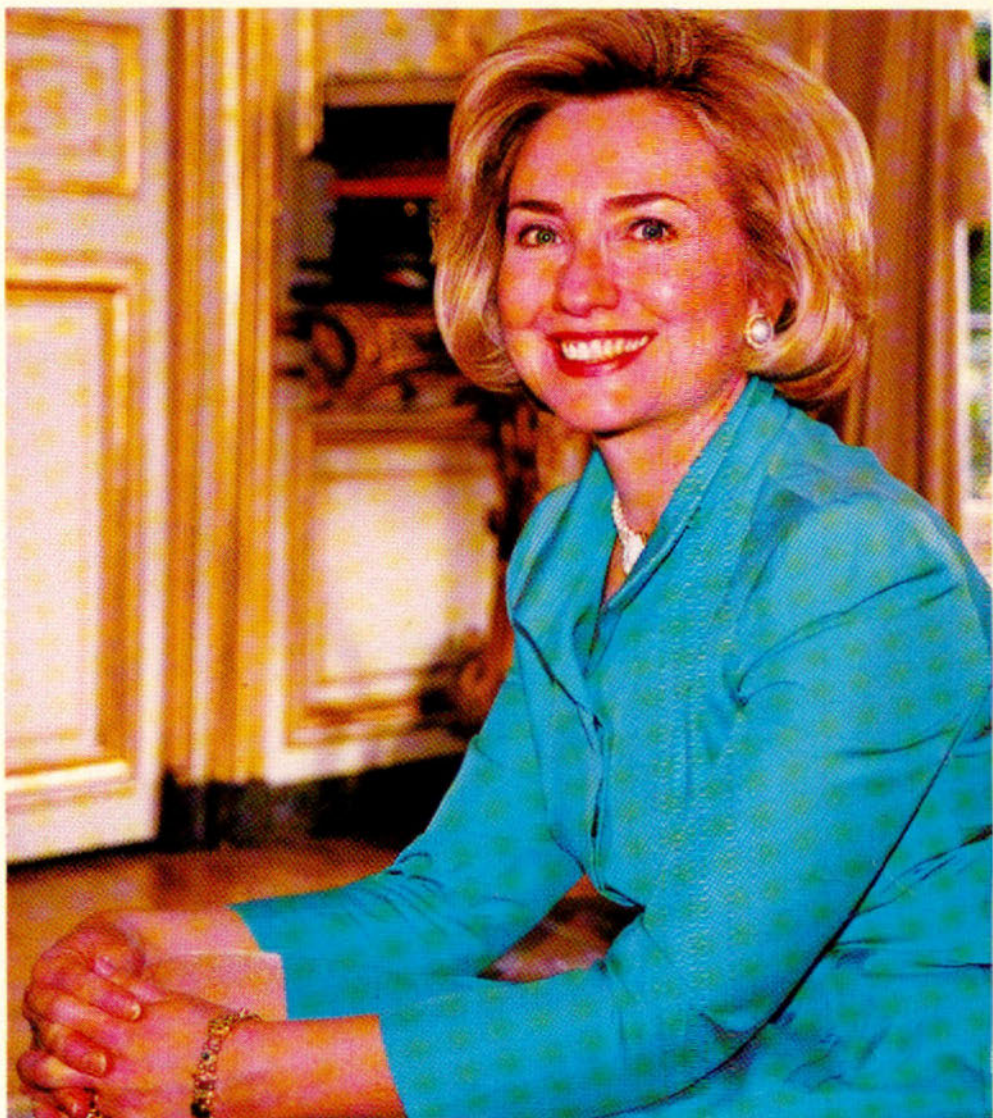
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Our budget for women's health issues in this country has grown by more than \$1 billion in four years, and now tops \$4 billion. We have an office of women's health inside every major health agency. We have women's health centers in our major universities. And we have a strong network of advocacy organizations. The progress is gratifying, but our nation must be committed to getting the answers that will save women's lives, so that in the next century no son will lose his mother to breast cancer, and no husband will lose his wife to heart disease or any of the cancers that now claim 563,000 American lives each year. We must seize the opportunity so that in the 21st century our children will learn about these awful diseases only in their history books.

Encourage your special someone to get a mammogram today! The risk of breast cancer increases as you get older.



Personal concern: At health events, with Chelsea, Virginia Kelley (president's mother)

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celebrate life. Until the day she died, she kept a sampler by her makeup table that read: "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle." But if we are to wipe out breast cancer and all the other diseases that afflict us today, we will need more than courage and good humor. We will need real dedication to the task of developing new treatments and prevention techniques. We will need the commitment of medical researchers, doctors and advocates, as well as a steady and sustained investment in research. And we will need the continued support of the president—a man who knows what it means to lose his mother to breast cancer and who

Where You Can Turn

THERE ARE DOZENS of Web sites, toll-free numbers and books dedicated to issues in women's health. Many are published by leading universities and medical institutions. Even the U.S. Public Health Service offers links to various federal agencies that provide useful information. Here's a sampling:

Web Sites

www.betterhealth.com

The Better Health channel in the iVillage network features information on recent medical research, a chat room and even a free virtual checkup.



www.4woman.gov

A creation of the U.S. Public Health Service, the Web site links you to scores of federal agencies and publications as well as to private-sector organizations concerned with women's health issues.

www.goaskalice.columbia.edu

Produced by the Columbia University Health Service, the site gives you the chance to "Go Ask Alice" about your physical, emotional and spiritual health. Definitely for the young.

www.healthywomen.org

This national clearinghouse of information and resources about women's health charges a nominal fee (about \$8) for in-depth reports on specific topics.

www.mayohealth.org

Click on to the Mayo Clinic's Women's Health Center for news of medical breakthroughs, referrals to a comprehensive collection of articles covering health issues—and the chance to have your health questions answered by Mayo Clinic physicians.

www.navigator.tufts.edu

A good starting point for the novice seeking nutritional advice. One key feature: a ratings guide to other related sites.

www.sleepfoundation.org

Produced by the National Sleep Foundation, this site covers everything from sleep patterns during your monthly cycle to Pregnancy: Sleeping for Two.

Toll-free Numbers

American Academy of Dermatology
888-462-3376

American Cancer Society
800-227-2345

American Dietetic Association Consumer Nutrition Hot Line
800-366-1655

Arthritis Foundation
800-283-7800

CDC Information Network (AIDS, STDs, TB)
800-458-5231

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO)
800-719-9154

National Mental Health Association
800-969-NMHA (6642)

National STD Hotline
800-227-8922

Osteoporosis National Resource Center
800-624-2663

Books

Nutrition for Women: The Complete Guide

by Elizabeth Somer
(Henry Holt & Co., 1993, \$15.95)
Provides information on nutrition during pregnancy, breast-feeding, menopause and athletic competition, as well as diets for alleviating the impact of specific diseases.

Our Bodies, Ourselves for the New Century

by Boston Women's Health Book Collective
(Simon & Schuster, 1998, \$24)
The original sourcebook on health written by and for women comes of age with this newly revised edition. For many readers it continues to be a bible in the field.

The Planned Parenthood Women's Health Encyclopedia
(Crown, 1996, \$22)
A standard reference book, moving alphabetically from abortion to yoga. Each of its brief entries contains guidelines on whom to contact for further information on the subject.

Woman to Woman
by Yvonne S. Thornton, M.D.
(Dutton, 1997, \$24.95)
A leading gynecologist tells all. Written in a down-to-earth, anecdotal style, the book covers both medical concepts and the workings of a woman's body. Excellent chapters on pregnancy and childbirth.

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The Women's Concise Guide to Emotional Well-Being
by Karen J. Carlson, M.D., Stephanie A. Eisenstat, M.D., and Terra Ziporyn, Ph.D. (Harvard University Press, 1997, \$14.95)

Looks at a variety of subjects—among them depression, anxiety and personality disorders—that influence a woman's physical health.

Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book

by Susan M. Love, M.D.
(Perseus Books, 1995, 2d edition, revised, \$17)

A full discussion of its subject, with chapters on women's anatomy, common problems of the breast and how to live with breast cancer. Especially useful for women and families trying to decide on the advantages and disadvantages of various cancer treatments.

Woman's Body: An Owner's Manual, edited by Margaret Doyle (Contemporary Books, 1999, \$16.95)

Up-to-the-minute information about the female physique, causes of disease, the role of counseling and alternative medicine.

The PDR Family Guide to Women's Health and Prescription Drugs

(Medical Economics, 1994, \$24.95)

A comprehensive guide to a wide variety of health concerns, plus detailed information on the prescription drugs women use most.

American Medical Association Complete Guide to Women's Health

edited by Ramona I. Slupik, M.D.
(Random House, 1996, \$39.50)

Carrying the imprimatur of the nation's most established medical organization, this is a comprehensive, highly illustrated guide that will be useful for women of all ages.

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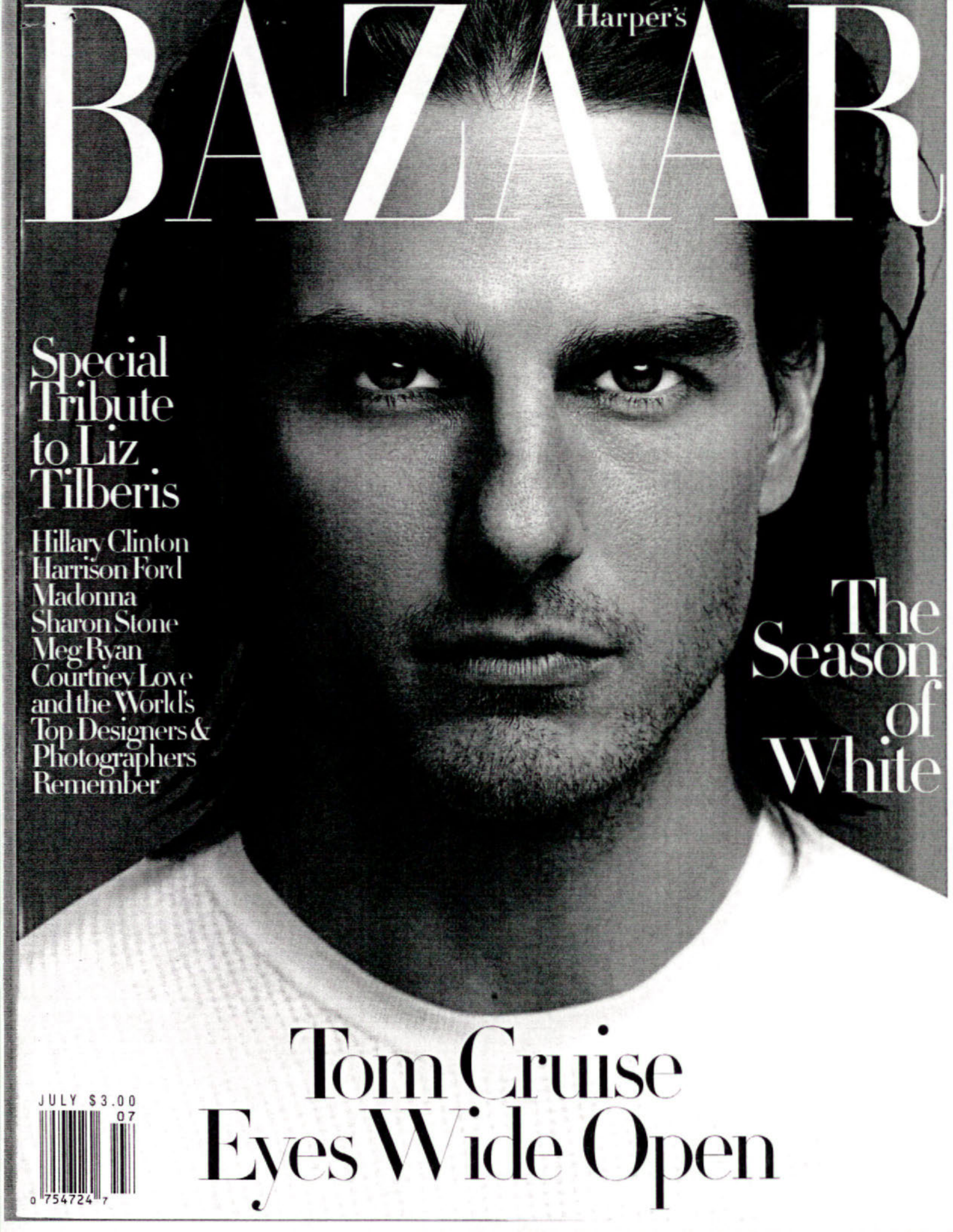
Remembering

LIZ

It was shortly after she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer that Liz Tilberis came to the White House to do an interview with me. I had invited her to spend the night, and, despite the devastating news, she was—as always—charming and upbeat. What I remember best about that day, though, is not the time we spent together, but what she did after our interview. Sketch pad in hand, Liz wandered the White House and the grounds, stopping to draw whatever caught her eye. Watching her as she sat in the Rose Garden, what I saw was not a woman defeated by a terrible disease, but rather a woman at peace, moving ahead with her life, gathering courage and strength for the fight ahead. This remarkable courage is what those of us who knew Liz will remember most about these last six years. When others might have retreated from the spotlight, she used her platform as a vehicle to raise awareness and research dollars. In 1997, she took the helm of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, traveling and speaking out tirelessly on behalf of every victim of cancer. The title of her memoir said it best: "No Time to Die." Last September, at her urging, the President proclaimed the first-ever Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week, saying, "As we observe Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week and affirm our national commitment to fighting this devastating disease, I encourage all American women and their families to learn more about ovarian cancer, and I urge health-care professionals to emphasize to their patients the importance of regular examinations. By doing so, we can build on the progress we have made in our crusade against cancer and ensure healthier, longer lives for women." Let's all continue that crusade in memory of our brave friend Liz.

—Hillary Rodham Clinton

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