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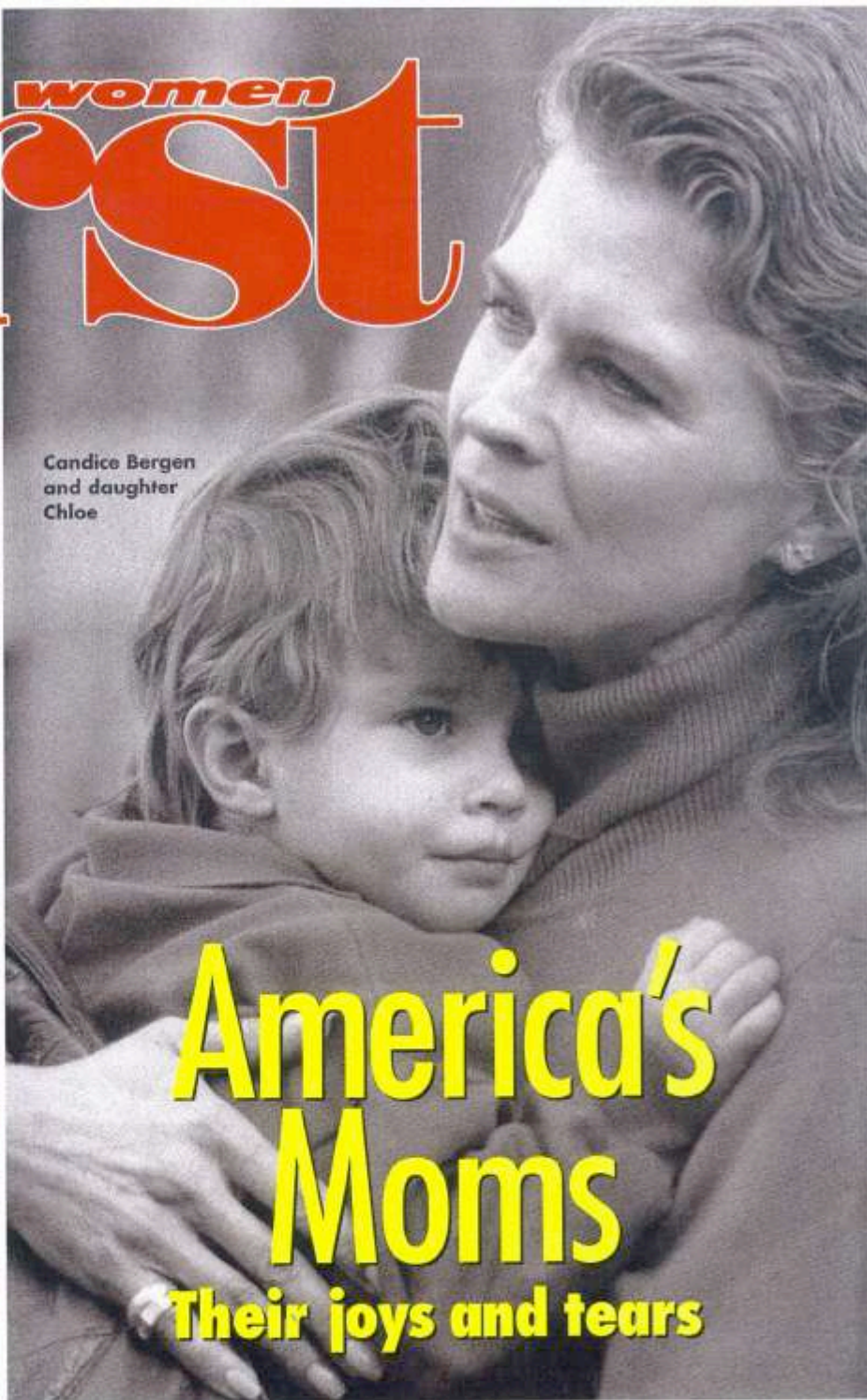
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Ed O'Neill
Sort of married
with no children



A house full of love



"I've traded in my Mercedes Benz for a school bus and a van," says Camille Gerald. "With a family of 28, I need the room!"

Seven years ago, Camille had only pediatrician husband Michael and daughters Jaclyn and Renae to drive around. But, she says, "I was born to help people." So the family changed its way of living. Now, the house in Kendall, Florida, overflows with 17 adopted children, two resident kids and five adults. All have Down syndrome, physical defects or neurological problems.

Between food and diaper bills, the Geraldis squeak by. Michael's earnings cover most of their costs, and they get small grants and private donations. "Things can get real lean and mean," Camille says. But she'd never go back to her Mercedes. "It's total fulfillment. When I go to sleep at night, I know I've accomplished more than most."

Mothers in crisis

The heartbroken

There are 9,000 children missing in America tonight. After 11 years, Etan Patz is still among them. As a six-year-old he vanished on the way to school.

His mother, Julie, still has no clue as to what happened to him. Detectives are keeping the case open; the search continues.



Innocent victims

Kurdish families have suffered horribly in Iraq. Thousands were murdered by Saddam Hussein in poison-gas attacks in the years before the war. Now, a year after the war, more than 500,000 are homeless and hungry—afraid to return to their villages.



The heroes

Moms marched off to the war in the Gulf, leaving behind children and husbands in record numbers. They ran medical facilities, drove trucks, flew planes and found themselves in peril.

The homeless

"Sometimes the caseworkers make me feel like I'm a bad mother. But I've never done drugs, I'm just having a hard time right now," says Brooklynite Kristy Morales, one of the 450,000 homeless women and children in America today.

