Many Suffer in El Salvador

By Ivette Rodriguez
Gazette Staff

Reflections of a troubled land.

For nearly two months, I visited relatives in El Salvador and had the opportunity to see, hear and feel the frustrations of many people who are suffering in my homeland.

In San Salvador, the capital, there were few signs that a civil war is raging. The disco, restaurants and movie theatres are thriving as military men march among the streets with their weapons, keeping the revolutionaries out.

But in the countryside chaos rages, and the hardships mount. What follows are some observations of my visit to this troubled land.

Rosita Ramirez, 18, a young maid working in San Salvador, was on her way to Oaxtlan to visit her family when her bus was stopped by a group of guerrillas. These are men and women fighting against the government of El Salvador. They were "recruiting" people to help them fight.

Everyone was forced out of the bus and examined to see if they were qualified to become one of the guerrillas. They checked their age, place of residence and occupation. You must always carry your ID with you or else you are bound to have a lot of problems, not only with the guerrillas but also with the military when they check to see if you are a guerrilla.

"It was terrifying," said Rosita, when asked about the encounter. "This was the first time I had ever had any contact with them. And I was sure I would be one of the chosen ones. But I promised myself that if I was chosen, I would do everything possible to escape from them. Even though I am poor I do not agree with what they are doing. I believe in working to better yourself but not fighting.

One by one, several people were taken away by the guerrillas-kidnapped to fight in the war. Left behind were their family, friends and jobs. But Rosita was lucky. Her back was too small.

Frances Batarse, 42, a resident of Santa Ana, a village west of San Salvador, was killed during a confrontation between guerrillas and military men, because of his refusal to serve the guerrillas as a driver.

Batarse was driving home from his leather factory when he encountered a shooting battle between guerrillas and military men. He was terrified and tried to turn around, but it was too late.

The guerrillas ran to his car and stopped him. They asked him to drive them away. Batarse did not want to drive for the guerrillas and possibly be forced to become one. But he also did not want to anger them.

He gave them the car keys, got out of the car and began walking away.

They shot him in the back. His family was devastated. They had heard the tales of tragedy, but never experienced it. They didn't think the violence would touch them.

"It was horrible," said one relative. "He was a decent respectable man who worked hard supporting his family."

After his death, some of the Batarse immediate family decided they had enough. They left the country, but the bitter memories remain.

Laura, a young girl who resides in San Miguel, a large village in El Salvador, committed suicide after the guerrillas threatened her life when she refused to join them.

Laura was in a crowded street of San Miguel earning additional money selling used clothing, which was donated to her by her patron. A man approached her and asked her if she wanted to work for him as a maid. She refused and asked her if she wanted to work for him as a maid. She refused and thanked the man. She thought it was rather odd for a man to be hiring a maid. It is usually a woman's job to hire the maids. There was something about him she didn't like, and she therefore, refused his offer.

The man continued to insist, and she finally agreed to work at T.J. Maxx, a discount store.

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By Carla Marcellus
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Despite the controversy stirred by the release of financial data on Geraldine A. Ferraro's business interest, a survey of 50 Northeastern University political science students showed that they overwhelmingly favored the Democratic ticket of Walter Mondale and Ferraro.

The poll showed that 56 percent of the students preferred Mondale-Ferraro, while 38 percent said they would vote for the Republican ticket headed by President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush.

Student Michael Weinstock said, "My student loans have been cut off," therefore, Ronald Reagan will not be getting my vote this November. His classmate John O'Leary added, "I would not vote for Reagan; he's a candidate for the rich."

Twenty-six percent believed that Ferraro would have a major effect on the election while 66 percent believed her presence in the presidential race would have some type of effect and 10 percent said she would not have much of an effect on the outcome.

Colette Saunders, 20, stated, "Geraldine Ferraro will have some effect, since some people will think, 'Wow! She's a woman,' and will vote for her." Two percent said she would have no effect while another 2 percent remained undecided.

See Students Like Mondale page 6.

N.U. Students Like Mondale-Ferraro

By Karen Bell
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Mattapan - A Quiet Residential Community

By Sharon Denton
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There is a small community in southeast Boston called Mattapan. The community is usually overshadowed because it didn't play a major role towards America's independence or other great historical events in the city, but it has a rich history of its own. Mattapan was founded in 1630 by a group of 140 people under the leadership of Rev. John White. They first landed at what is now Nantasket, but the group went on to search for better farming land and fell upon a place called Matapontuck, which had been named by the present inhabitants who were Indians. The first settlement was called Alan's Plan - Mattapan's first residential neighborhood. By 1833, the first corrugated mill was built on the Neponset River and Mattapan began growing. About 1880, the area known as Alan's Plan was renamed Dorchester. It has many familiar streets, such as Morton began to develop. In 1910, large farms and estates were sold and new families arrived.

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Mattapan Has Become Diversified

By Filipa Gomes
Gazette Staff

Chelsea, once a predominantly Jewish community, is now what most people call a "melting pot." In fact, Kim Morochnick, a Chelsea teenager, calls it a mini United Nations.

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East Boston Cares

By Ivette Rodriguez
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East Boston was once a community made up of mostly Italians. However, today you will find other ethnic groups living there. East Boston is not really known for anything in particular, except for Logan Airport. But you will find a lot of important organizations that are of great help to the residents of East Boston.

The parish also has a program for alcoholics who do not speak English. Different ethnic groups meet on certain nights.

For a long time the parish has donated food to the street people. The parish's used clothing store, Angel's Attic, donated clothes from the community for the poor. A pair of pants might cost five cents. One might wonder why clothes aren't given to them for free? The point is that the poor have feelings and do not like to be charity cases. The profits from the store are used to help all the programs in the parish.

The elderly are not forgotten here. There are a lot of nursing homes to take care of the elderly. For those who don't want to live in a nursing home, there is a very modern project building with very low rent.
Chinatown's August Moon Festival

How It All Began Years Ago...

By Louisa Wong
Gazette Staff

This is the tale that explains the origin of the August Moon Festival.

It began approximately 4,000 years B.C. During that time there lived a power hungry emperor and his family. The emperor was an excellent archer, but besides his daily practice of archery, he also practiced medicine.

He had just concocted some pills for eternal youth and life, which he had planned to take. At that time, China was believed to have 10 suns.

The people loved to worship the suns.

Instead of answering, the frightened woman dashed off toward the moon and turned into an angel. This is why, today, one is able to distinguish what appears to be a woman's face in the moon.

Meanwhile, the emperor having chased his wife halfway to the moon, fell back to earth and died.

The emperor's son had now taken over, and he began the tradition of worshipping the moon every 15 days, especially on August 15, when the moon was at its fullest, in order to remember and worship his mother.

Fireworks Crackled This Year; Rain Didn't Hamper Festival

By Louisa Wong
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The August Moon Festival took off with a bang of firecrackers, under a cloudy, patchy sky in Boston's Chinatown last Sunday, but the weather did not hamper the fun and exciting atmosphere.

Even when the first drops of rain fell, the crowds were still there. There were live stage performances, a dragon dance, martial arts, singing, dancing and fashion shows.

Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, and Salvatore DiMasi, state representative for Chinatown, were among the speakers for the day. DiMasi expressed his enjoyment in participating at the festival and wished that everyone have a wonderful time.

The streets were filled with people, young and old, and, concession stands representing various places all over Chinatown. Children and teens were seen holding balloons, and the air was filled with chatter.

Among the many represented were those from The Big Sister Association, the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, The South Cove Community Health Center, and various Chinatown shops, clubs and restaurants. Various streets were blocked off for the special occasion. The parking lot off Tyler Street was converted into a miniamusement park, which was a popular attraction for the children.

People paid for chances to win prizes, such as huge stuffed toys, a unicorn, or maybe even a Gizmo, a character from Steven Spielberg's film "Gremlins."

Pagoda Park in Chinatown, and other streets were blocked off for thrilling volleyball challenges. On one court the men played with a nine man set as opposed to the traditional six-man set. On another court the women played with six players. Teams from New York competed against Boston's home teams.

All in all, the day was quite delightful. The Chinese culture was preserved through pleasurable experiences. The Oriental food presented a vital part of the culture. There was Chinese pastry, consisting of nut cakes, melon cakes, coconut tarts and almond cookies.

Volleyball was a key event.

Chinese women demonstrate traditional Oriental dances.

Chinese culture was further displayed through live performances which brought out centuries-old dances passed down through generations. Chinese music buzzed in everyone's ears and the Chinese language in Cantonese and Mandarin dialects was heard throughout the streets.

All this brought together the greater Boston's Chinese community who gathered to share a common denominator of culture, to meet old friends and to establish new friendships.

There were never too many people in the streets. As Calvin Lee of Allston commented, "It's just right, not too crowded."

Both Brenda Wong and Chuk Young of Brighton said they had enjoyed themselves. As did Yvonne Kwong of South End and Cathy Lee of Chinatown.

"It was an experience we'll both remember," said Lee.
Editorials

Vanessa Williams: A Victim of Greed

By Denise Hill
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Vanessa Williams, the first black Miss America, recently has been brought back into the public eye. Not for her talent or beauty but because she was featured along with another woman in the September issue of Penthouse magazine. Vanessa was crowned Miss America 1984 on September 17, 1983. Her title gave her many privileges and a lot of responsibility. Some of her responsibility was to her public because she immediately became a role model for young black women.

This model of beauty, intelligence and productivity was diminished after the explicit pictures were released. Vanessa had only eight weeks left to serve as Miss America when she was informed that she would be featured in Penthouse and that the pageant was giving her a 48-hour period to decide whether she would resign.

Vanessa had been a receptionist for photographer Tom Chipal who posed for the pictures. She states that she didn’t remember signing release papers. She only pos ed with the idea that those pictures would help get her into the modeling career. A lot of controversy surrounds whether she signed a release.

It not only rained, it poured on Vanessa. Because of the pictures, her keeping the crown for the remaining eight weeks was in question. Unfortunately, for Vanessa, the pageant decided that past mistakes mean future punishment. The pageant represents the American women from years ago. Its ideals and standards are not in tune with the women of the 80’s.

This would have been a chance for pageant officials to realize that Vanessa is more than just the pictures. She is talented and intelligent, and she has a lot to offer to the pageant. Vanessa will become smarter because of this experience, yet the pageant will remain narrow and one-sided.

Another point that remains clear is that Penthouse could have waited to release the pictures. It was money and more money that made the final decision. The men who made these decisions showed no feeling for what the pictures would do to Vanessa’s reputation and her role as Miss America.

Why Boston Can’t See Michael

By Sharon Denton
Gazette Staff
The Foxboro Board of Selectmen, on Aug. 7th, voted to allow country-singer Willie Nelson to perform at Sullivan Stadium. Yet, nearly two months earlier the same selectmen decided that Michael Jackson presented too many security risks to perform in their town.

Unfortunately, shades of racism cloak the decisions that were made by this elected body which is supposed to act responsibly. Mr. Nelson is white. Young Mr. Jackson is black.

These responsible selectmen voiced complaints that Jackson fans - many teens - would vandalize their mostly white suburb. But, other concerts on the tour have proven them to be wrong. The average ages of concertgoers has been between 25 to 30 years old and there have been no reports of problems as Jackson performed his magic in stadiums from Kansas City to New York City.

It is clear that the selectmen were narrow-minded when they considered this issue. It is equally clear that when Nelson was the issue the cloud of discrimination was cleared from their heads as it has when the likes of David Bowie and Laura Branigan came to town.

What is shocking is that no local leadership stepped in and forced Foxboro to do the right thing. Gov. Michael S. Dukakis could have supported legislation to allow the concert. But he didn’t. Only State Sen. Royal Bolling stood up and called the situation as he saw it: a racist action.

Bolling went as far as paying money to send 30 local youths to a Jackson concert in Buffalo. He should be commended. The others should be booted. And then slapped with Jackson’s silk glove.

How can people, such as the Foxboro selectmen, expect race relations to improve when they make such blatant discriminatory acts?

Life Is...

Life is...
GOOD, and bad.

Happy, yet sad.

-Easy, and "ROUGH" usually tough!!

stimulating...DEPressing

MEAN - but - nice...

With every morrow comes a lot of sorrows.

Life’s a sport, but simply - too short.
-Louisa Wong

A happy face
**Expressions**

*Should Vanessa Have Returned the Crown?*

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**Kevin Megk, Boston**

"After viewing the pictures I agree that she should step down because of the image of the pageant."

**Juan Powers, West Peabody**

"I don't think she should have stepped down. They could have waited. They were waiting for a prime time. They had it in for her."

**Tony Miles, Rehoboth**

"She was a good choice, everyone knows that she posed nude and with another woman. It's a disgrace that she has to live with it. It's too bad."

**Arlene Bradley, Mattapan**

"When I first heard I was upset because she was the first black Miss America. Why did they take away her crown for only posing nude? She only had two more months. But after seeing the pictures, I believed that she should give up her crown. She should not have even entered the pageant."

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"Why can't Miss America pose nude? I don't see why she has to resemble such a pure woman when most women in America aren't."

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**Doubt can bring trouble, so don't worry!**

**Dear Denise:**

I would like to know what is your opinion of teenage marriages? I'm 17 years old and my boyfriend who is 19 and I are deeply in love. My mother says that it will pass, but we are really serious. I believe that when two people really love each other they should be able to overcome anything that gets in the way. Sometimes I think that maybe my boyfriend and I should just take off and go somewhere we can be happy. Other times I think maybe my mother is right. I just don't know what to do. Can you give me some advice?

Dear Denise:

I am at my wits end trying to figure out what to do. My ex-boyfriend is so possessive of me. When we were dating he would get so jealous even if I just looked at another guy. Now that we have broken up, he still calls me constantly. What should I do?

Dear Denise:

If he is your ex-boyfriend and your feelings for him have subsided, let him know that you need time without him in the picture. Tell him that you need to grow apart instead of together. In Massachusetts minors must have the consent of their parents in order to marry. Marriage is a big step and you seem to have a lot of doubts. Love is like gold, it doesn't tarnish, so wait.

Dear Denise:

I am a 16-year-old girl. The problem is that I have a gorgeous boyfriend. My friends are really good looking too and I'm not that attractive. They're constantly telling me how cute he is. I'm very self conscious about this. I'm afraid my boyfriend will like one of my friends. What should I do?

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Dear Boy Crazy:

Other girls will soon feel the same way you do about boys. You have just realized your attraction a little sooner. Don't feel different...hang on! Soon others will feel the same way.

Dear Denis,:

I have this problem about boys. I'm just crazy about them. Some girls don't talk to me because I talk a lot about boys. I'm 13-years-old, and I think that it's natural for girls to love boys. What do you think?

Boy Crazy

Dear Denise:

My opinion on teenage marriages is not too favorable. The teenage years are the years that children begin to grow and develop into adults. Marriage during the teen years would only stunt eventual growth. Many teenage marriages end in divorce. One primary factor is that couples continue to grow apart instead of together. In Massachusetts minors must have the consent of their parents in order to marry. Marriage is a big step and you seem to have a lot of doubts. Love is like gold, it doesn't tarnish, so wait.

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**Poems**

**ME and you are as different as can be, but something brings us together. Call it faith if you want. I call it love.**

—Carlene Therminor

**JOY**

Joy is making my parents proud and hearing them say so. Joy is winning a tough game, joy is seeing my family together as one, joy is knowing that my family loves me, joy is having a friend to talk to, but the real joy is having someone to care about.

—Carlene Therminor
Despite War, Life Goes on for the Rich

In recent days, while the universities are open to all. However, acceptance into the best college possible requires more as far as the education of a coordinator, in addition to having a counselor, they also have a guidance counselor. A coordinator is a person placed in each school to take care of things and to make sure that the students receive the best possible education. The duties of a guidance counselor overlap.

The coordinator is there to help advise and get students ready for the job market and also into programs that might help them in later life. Mendoza was a Journalism Workshop and College Fair coordinator. The coordinators and the students work to make going to school an enjoyable experience.

University students are undecided. Also the poll showed that 5 percent of the students said they would support a woman for vice president. Only 6 percent said that they would not support a woman for the vice presidency. Most said they would support a woman vice president not because of her sex but because of her qualifications.

"She makes a difference in Mondale's case," replied Greg Landreth, 26. "I think Ferraro is qualified, regardless of her sex." "I think it's good to give (women) a chance at the vice presidency to see how things go," said Peter Cianci, 21. He added that he felt it was too soon to elect a woman President.

Seventy-two percent said Reagan was not too old to be President, while 26 percent felt he was too old. Fifty percent of the students felt that Mondale is too close to special interest groups, while 40 percent said they burst into his house. They tied up Mendoza and his wife, then they made the parents wait while they repeatedly raped Martha, her teenage daughter.

The mother begged for the guerrillas to take her instead. Mendoza told them that he would change his mind and join their ranks. But they wouldn't listen. They continued their vicious attack on the area and found her home. When they finished, they left Martha lying bare on the floor - another victim of the war that has plunged many into despair.

Pain and Agony Is Rampant

From Page One.

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The rich, being the most powerful, live in San Salvador, the capital. Many of them live in a town called Escalón, which is well protected by many personal security guards assigned to nearly every house. The revolution has not hampered the lives of the rich or their pleasures.

Fancy boutiques are still open. There are many disco clubs and new clubs are opening. The local restaurants are often crowded and are the favorite dining spots for the rich.

These facilities serve the needs of the rich, many of whom have managed to go on with their lives, unaffected by the turmoil in the country.

There was a time when the middle class was spread throughout El Salvador. They enjoyed their resorts in the rural villages. However, the raging war has driven them out of the villages and into the houses of the other neighboring Central American countries.

But beautiful houses are being constructed in San Salvador to house the middle class. Apartments don't exist in El Salvador, and only a few condominiums have recently been constructed for the upper classes.

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The two most famous shopping malls of San Salvador (Metro Sur and Metro Centro) still remain open and are crowded with middle-class shoppers and tourists. People who dislike the media-projected turmoil, continue to visit El Salvador. Clothing stores are still filled with American and European clothes.

Universities are open to all. However, acceptance into the best college possible is determined through a process of exams. Because of the educational background of the students, they successfully pass the exams and the high cost of tuition, mainly the two upper classes, this affects the universities. Professionals within the middle class have been under fire because of the resolution. Hospitals, schools and various businesses continue to operate.

The purpose of the war, instigated by the socially discriminated peasants and liberal-minded upper class, was to improve the living conditions of the poor.

But the war affected the poor in a variety of ways. Many problems remain unresolved to this day. Some peasants may suffer more now than they have before.
By Karen Bell

Olympics showed many athletes

Now that the 1984 Olympics are history, fans and athletes alike were treated to a showcase of top performers. Gymnastics and track and field events were particularly the rekindling of the Olympic flame, setting the stage for the events to come. Every American's fears turned to joy as she crossed the finish line in the 400 meter race. She was tearful after she won because she was so happy; a gold medal well deserved. Carl Lewis, the superstar trackster, accomplished his goal - four gold medals. He won these medals by competing in the 41 by 100 meter relay and 200 meter races and the long jump.

An outstanding athlete, he knows what he wants and seems to know how to get it. He is sure of himself, perhaps too sure of himself. It's one reason why he is the biggest star and he's another to be a strong, arrogant, self-seekin...
Men's Fashion

By Karen Bell
Gazette Staff

Italy, as usual, is a huge influence in men's fashions this fall.

Enrico Celli, who owns the store of the same name at Copley Place, firmly states that Italy is the source of the most innovative fashion, "especially Milan," he said. "Tweeds are used on a large scale and coats are longer. Sweaters are big items of interest, he said, displaying a reversible sweater jacket.

Gianni Versace, a well known Italian designer, introduced big bulky clothes for the fall. His shirts are oversized to represent a loose fit.

A new item for this fall is the French styled blouson type shirt that has dropped shoulders.

A shirt designed by de petri is a smashing combination; leather and wool. Plaids are mixed but are not flashy bright colors, like the women's; they are of neutral shades. Argyle sweaters are still popular.

When the salesman at BEYERMAN in Paris located in Copley Place was asked what the new trends for men's fashions were, he said that there were more pleated slacks, and shirts made up of a solid colored body and a white collar.

It looks as though men go for more traditional, yet fresh looks. With basic classic colors, such as grey, tan, and browns, men are able to look distinguished, and, along with layers of clothing of different textures, can be truly fashionable.

For Women, A Variety Of Styles This Fall

By Louisa Wong and Aisha Amin, Gazette Staff

This fall women's fashions will be focused on looks that vary strikingly from menswear to bright colors and from delicates to bold and brassy.

Patterns will include a mixture of checks, stripes and colorful geometrical shapes, and with every outfit accessories will be a must.

Lori Conti, merchandising coordinator of Seventeen Magazine, said menswear worn by women and neon colors will be big items and that plaids or plaids will be worn. Bright colors on basic black also will be appearing, and mock outfits of different rock stars will have a huge impact. Reflecting on the Michael Jackson look, Conti suggested, "Someone might wear a totally black outfit with hot pink socks."

Featured at The Limited stores is a line of sportswear and casualwear by Forenza that will continue into the back-to-school season, and new for this fall will be the Album Collection by Kenzo from Paris entailing preppy looks combined with black and vivid contrasts.

The manager at Downtown Crossing's Limited store, Zebbie Ghazar, described daywear as a mixing and matching of plaids, checks, and stripes. She said day dresses will be dressy but also comfortable and fun in boxy type and knitted styles. The lengths will be down to the knee. For eveningwear, she said that dresses will be more conservative and that accessories will make up the outfit.

Ellen Hersch, co-manager of the Limited Express at Copley Place, said plaids are in, sweater dressing is very fashionable, and that jean dressing remains popular. Pants are cropped, and straight cut Marilyn Monroe jeans are still in style. Accessories of all sorts will top off outfits.

At T. Edwards at Copley Place, manager, Stephanie Bassett suggested that trumpet skirts, which are very straight and conservative and become wider on the bottom, are fashionable; dresses will fall way below the knee almost ankle length. They will be of neutral tones. Eveningwear will be more glamorous and rhinestones and pearls will add the finishing touches. Shirts will be oversizzed, and pants will be full and baggy on top and will narrow at the ankle.

All in all, most clothing stores tend to agree that accessories are a huge item. They can be worn with any and every outfit and will add the proper touches. Hats, caps, and headwraps seem to be the major accessories this season. Scarves, big earrings, bracelets and belts resemble tech are also in. Pumps are glamorous and rhinestones and pearls will add the finishing touches. Shirts will be focused on looks that vary strikingly from menswear to bright colors and from delicates to bold and brassy. Patterns will include a mixture of checks, stripes and colorful geometrical shapes, and with every outfit accessories will be a must. Lori Conti, merchandising coordinator of Seventeen Magazine, said menswear worn by women and neon colors will be big items and that plaids or plaids will be worn. Bright colors on basic black also will be appearing, and mock outfits of different rock stars will have a huge impact. Reflecting on the Michael Jackson look, Conti suggested, "Someone might wear a totally black outfit with hot pink socks."

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