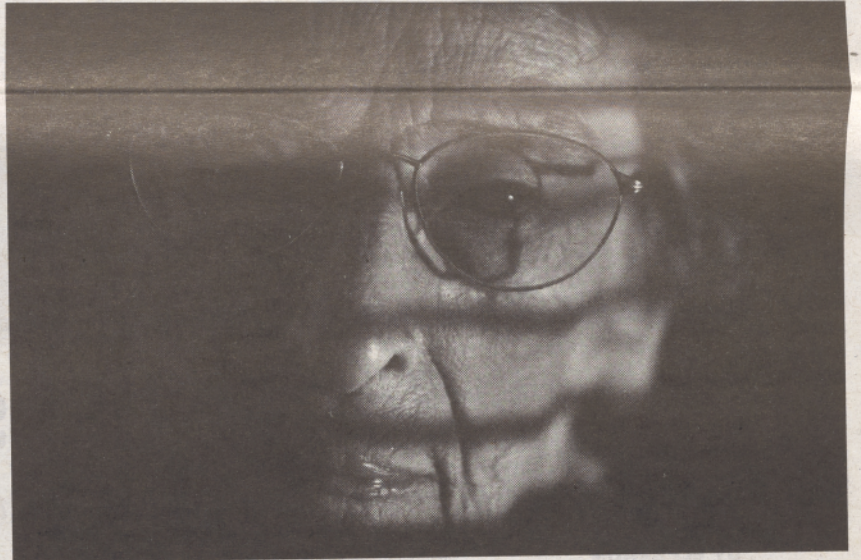
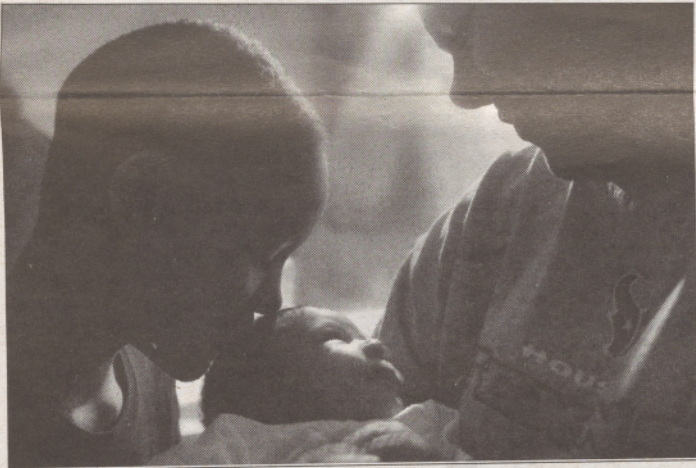




Photos by Steve Liss



IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

These photos, by award-winning Time Magazine photojournalist Steve Liss, are part of a powerful collection of images that chronicles the plight of regional poverty in modern-day America. "In Our Own Backyard: U.S. Poverty in the 21st Century" is a free exhibit, open to the public, mounted in the Plaza Foyer of the Portland Hilton, 921 SW Sixth Ave., from 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 until noon on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The exhibit will serve as the backdrop for the Catholic Charities USA 2009 Annual Gathering, "Journey to Reduce Poverty in America." There will be an opening reception for Liss, Thursday, Sept. 24, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Portland Hilton's Pavilion Ballroom, adjacent to the Plaza Foyer.

Catholic Charities USA is collaborating with the organizers of the exhibit to assign a visual cue to its goal of cutting poverty in half by the year 2020. This is one of nine exhibits throughout the country reflecting the face of poverty from the immediate region. To reflect the universality of the situation, none of the photographs in the exhibit are labeled as to people, place or time.