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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR BETH DOZORETZ
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I am delighted to have this opportunity to join you in honoring my good friend Beth Dozoretz.

It is said in the Old Testament "A-shet Chayil." [Proverbs 31:10] You are a woman of valor. Beth, as a leader in the Jewish community, a pillar in the Democratic Party, an accomplished businesswoman, and committed mother, the valor of your deeds has already born fruit that will last a lifetime.

From the committee rooms of politics to the boardrooms of business, Beth Dozoretz has shown what it takes not just to be a leader – but a trailblazer. For more than a decade, she has been a tireless advocate of women and their role in government and the political process – lending her persuasive voice to organizations like Emily's List and the National Women's Law Center. Beth also served as the National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee – the first woman, of either party, to hold that distinction.

In the corporate world, Beth's shrewd sense of good fashion and good management launched her to the top of the apparel industry – where she became the first female executive at a leading clothing company. Beth brought the same flare and vision to organizations in the Jewish community like AIPAC and the Holocaust Museum. She even produced a play at the Kennedy Center on the Bosnian refugee camps.

The remarkable part is that she's done all this while raising two wonderful children, Joshua and Melanne, who I am proud to say is my godchild.

In a just a few years, Beth has accomplished what others spend a lifetime working to do. But that's no surprise for anyone who's had the privilege to work with her, and to be friends with her, and her husband Ron.

Beth, Hillary and I congratulate you again on this special evening. Thank you for your years of friendship and dedication to your party and to your country.


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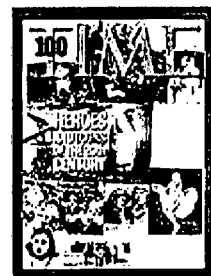
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Doyenne of the Dollars

She's got connections, and she throws great parties. Can Beth Dozoretz bring Democrats the dough?

By Viveca Novak/TIME

It's a snarky, vicious, glory-thieving place, the world of big-bucks political fund raising. Ostensible grownups can be reduced to screaming toddlers over who gets the credit for bringing in a major donor's gift--and thus gets the inside track for a better seat at the next big soiree. Bring into this piranha tank an attractive, ambitious, wealthy woman who made an almost instant connection with the President and his wife, and the knives start flashing.



Some in her own party call Beth Dozoretz, the Democrats' chief fund raiser, an arriviste, "wily and calculating," in the words of a colleague. There's the zealous way she plays hostess: soon after moving to Washington in 1994, she began holding frequent fund raisers at her posh Georgetown apartment, causing some to dub her a Pamela Harriman wannabe. There's the palatial home hopping: in 1996 she and her husband bought Senator John Warner's former home for more than \$2 million, then sold it before moving in so they could snag Michael and Arianna Huffington's digs for twice the price. Then there's her habit of turning up next to Bill Clinton regularly at party events. Last year she named Clinton her baby girl's godfather, throwing a party for the infant that drew an array of Hollywood and political pals, plus a rabbi, a nun and a swami.

"To be painted as this unbelievably overaggressive woman who had this master plan--I guess it goes with the territory but it's a little disconcerting," says Dozoretz, who in March was named finance chairwoman for the Democratic National Committee and is running a nonstop schedule of big-money events. This week it's a planned roast at

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her home for Terry McAuliffe, the capo di tutti capi of Democratic fund raisers. At \$25,000 a couple, the expected take: more than \$3 million.

Her defenders say she is a warm, upbeat motivator and an impassioned Democrat. "She works with a sense of urgency, and she links the investment with the goals," says former party chairman Steve Grossman. "It requires an almost crazy level of commitment," says 1997 finance chairman Alan Solomont, "and Beth has that." The stakes for 2000 are high, with a chance to regain control of the House, along with the presidential race. The D.N.C. has spent two years recovering from the 1996 fund-raising scandals; its debt soared to more than \$16 million, mostly because of legal fees. (The debt was whittled down to \$6.5 million by the end of 1998.)

Dozoretz, 48, grew up in Worcester, Mass.; her mother was a homemaker, her father a dentist, teacher and sometime inventor. She rose from the retail-sales floor to become president of a women's clothier in New York City. By 1989, only in her late 30s, she had been twice divorced and was financially comfortable enough to contemplate retiring. Then, at a party, she met Ron Dozoretz, head of FHC Health Systems, a large behavioral-health, managed-care outfit. (His estimated net worth, according to Virginia Business magazine: \$250 million.) He proposed two weeks after their first date, and she moved with her new husband to Norfolk, Va.

In 1992 Ron took the previously apolitical Beth to the Democratic Convention, where, from her seat in Madison Square Garden, Dozoretz recalls watching Hillary Rodham Clinton rise to go to the podium. Their eyes locked "for an instant," Dozoretz swears. "There was a connection there." Bill Clinton's speech floored her. "I'm an extremely spiritual person. I think there are no accidents in life." She soon met the Clintons and before long was playing golf with the President, having private dinners with the First Couple and visiting them at Camp David and Martha's Vineyard.

As the friendship deepened, so did Dozoretz's party involvement. Now the fund raisers at her home are so frequent that angry neighbors block off their curbs to frustrate those using her valet parking. Even before she took the D.N.C. job, she and her husband had raised more than \$5 million for Democratic causes. Though she claims to abhor the competitiveness of major fund raising, she can play by its rules. In 1997 she told House investigators she was sure former D.N.C. fund raiser John Huang hadn't asked for donations at a certain White House coffee: "I would have been very sensitive," she said, to "my donors being solicited by anybody but me." The party is counting on her steeliness to help top the \$210 million it raised for the '96 race. McAuliffe, for one, believes she'll succeed. "She goes up to that shabby little [D.N.C.] office every day and makes the calls," and she's persistent and creative. Maybe just as important, he adds, "she's tough enough" to hold off the


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Company Press Release

U.S. Technologies Appoints Beth Dozoretz as a Member of its Board of Directors

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 1, 2000--U.S. Technologies Inc. (NASDAQ BB: [USXX](#) - [news](#)) announces the appointment of Beth E. Dozoretz to serve on its Board of Directors.

Dozoretz has diverse management experience in strategic planning, new business development and marketing and is embarking on a new global Internet business. She also served as the National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee in 1999, the first woman to serve in that capacity in the history of either major political party.

Dozoretz served in various senior management positions within the apparel industry and subsequently moved to the manufacturing side of the business joining S&T industries and, within two years, advanced to senior vice president then to president.

Dozoretz moved from the apparel business to serve as senior vice president of FHC Health Systems where she currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors.

With a strong sense of civic duty, Dozoretz provides vision and leadership to a number of other organizations.

She currently serves on the boards of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Executive Committee of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), George Washington University's National Council for Political Management and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Women's Leadership Board.

In addition, she has served as a Commissioner of the Arts for the Commonwealth of Virginia and on the boards of the Rabin Medical Center, the District of Columbia Jewish Community Center and the Meridian House.

Dozoretz is a strong advocate for personal political involvement and women's issues. She is an active participant in the Democratic National Committee, Emily's List, the National Partnership for Women and

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Dozoretz lives in Washington, DC with her husband and their two young children, Joshua and Melanne.

Gregory Earls, Co-CEO of U.S. Technologies, stated that "Beth's in-depth business knowledge and experience will be of great value and benefit to U.S. Technologies. Her diverse background will compliment our Board which is already composed of individuals who bring a wealth of experience from the Internet, investment & business management, corporate and public arenas."

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BODY:

When mental health care tycoon Ronald Dozoretz asked his new wife if she wanted to attend the 1992 Democratic National Convention, her answer was brisk and unequivocal. "She said, 'No, I don't wanna go,' " he recalls.

"To be honest with you, I really wasn't too interested," **Beth Dozoretz** confirms. "I was completely apolitical. When we were first married, Ron would go to all these political functions, but I complained -- because I didn't like going to political functions. They were boring."

But in the last six years, she has radically changed her tastes. Today she's the brand-new finance chairman of the Democratic National Committee -- the first woman to hold the party's chief fund-raising post. It's an unpaid but arduous job in which she hopes to gather up a staggering \$ 170 million by November 2000. The 47-year-old Dozoretz, a former sportswear executive from New York's rough-and-tumble apparel industry, and her 63-year-old third husband, a non-practicing psychiatrist who owns a billion-dollar managed-care empire, are at the very top of the political ziggurat.

If anyone doubted the Dozoretzes' rank, all questions were removed last November when President Clinton stood as godfather to their baby daughter, Melanne Rose, and participated with the first lady in an attention-getting ceremony -- featuring a rabbi, an Indian swami and a Japanese nun -- at their Wesley Heights mansion. The palatial Northwest Washington house was expensively remodeled after the Dozoretzes bought it for a reported \$ 4.25 million last year from Michael and Arianna Huffington. (They lease the adjoining property for their personal staff.)

By many accounts, including their own, the Dozoretzes have become trusted intimates of the Clintons -- to say nothing of Vice President and Tipper Gore -- trading dinner invitations and golf dates and spending quality time together on Martha's Vineyard and at Camp David.

"Beth has been a good friend and supporter of Bill's and mine for many years," Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement for this article. "She has demonstrated her commitment to the Democratic Party time and again by working tirelessly on behalf of Democratic candidates. I am so pleased that the DNC is recognizing Beth by naming her the committee's finance chairman. I know she will do a fantastic job."

Depending on who's talking, the Dozoretzes' vertiginous climb of Mount Washington is either a case study of wealth, ambition and charm in the service of social summitry, or an exemplar of public-spirited idealism and elbow grease.

They moved here in 1993 from Norfolk, the headquarters of FHC (for First Hospital Corp.) Health Systems, a private company of which Ron owns 80 percent. It's the corporate umbrella for dozens of managed-care companies that employ 7,000 staffers in nearly every state and Puerto Rico -- under lucrative government and commercial contracts to administer psychotherapy, drug rehabilitation and other "behavior care" for nearly 24 million clients.

Initially the Dozoretzes occupied a lavish Georgetown apartment overlooking the Potomac, perfect for glittering receptions. Beth soon established herself as one of the Democrats' premier fund-raisers, while Ron lent moral and financial support and served as a presidential appointee on the Kennedy Center's board of trustees. Meanwhile, they made friends with a host of influential people -- everyone from Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo to the actress Glenn Close.

But "there wasn't this goal and this intention" to befriend the Clintons, Beth insists. "Maybe that is the reason we were able to strike up such a friendship with them, because it was very sincere and heartfelt from both my husband and myself to them," she says.

"It wasn't a plan. It wasn't a route to get to them. . . . We've spent, the four of us, a good amount of personal time together in a variety of places -- all the places that you would expect. Ron and Hillary are very close. They adore each other. There's a real trust between them."

"We love Hillary and we just have a real warmth toward her," confirms Ron, who zips around in his very own \$ 17 million Citation X business jet, the world's fastest private aircraft, cruising at 600 mph. "It's just one of those things that evolved. . . . We've kept a very low profile and that's what we like to do. We've had them over for dinner quietly. It's a social friendship. We don't need anything. We don't want anything. We don't ask for anything."

He adds that the Clintons' travails and humiliations of the past year have only deepened their friendship with the first family. "I've been very, very worried about them, very caring about them," he says, sounding much like the psychotherapist he was until the 1980s. "We feel their anguish. I'm not into the right-and-wrong of it. We're very sensitive to their feelings. We have dinner with them and Chelsea. We know Chelsea. And we've tried to just be there for them -- call up and say, 'Hi, how are you -- we're here.' "

Ron Dozoretz, a former Navy doctor, has long been an ardent activist, both as a Republican and a Democrat, and once staged an abortive candidacy for the U.S. Senate from Virginia. A supporter of Ronald Reagan (and, before Clinton's 1992 juggernaut, George Bush), he spent a weekend last September quail hunting in Texas with the former president's son Gov. George W. Bush.

"I never shot; I just walked and rode in the Jeep with him," says Dozoretz, who knows Bush through the Republican Governors Association, a group he finds it useful to help, given his wide business interests in GOP-led states. "I happened to stay in the same house with him, had dinner and breakfast with him and his wife. But I told him that Jews don't take up arms against quail." (Nor will Dozoretz support Bush for president; his allegiance, like his wife's, is to Gore.)

Dozoretz boasts among his more surprising friends his Tidewater neighbor Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition and the Christian Broadcasting Network. "Ron is an extraordinarily able businessman," Robertson gushes. "We differ on politics, but I consider him a good friend. . . . Beth is just an absolutely charming person, very beautiful, and I'm sure she's quite a popular hostess up there in Washington."

Beth -- who appears less a hostess than a businesswoman, favoring understated dark pantsuits "off the rack and hopefully on sale," she says -- dates her political passion to that grudging pilgrimage 6 1/2 years ago to the convention at Madison Square Garden. She describes a near-religious epiphany

over Hillary Clinton.

"On her way to the podium she had to walk by where I was sitting," Dozoretz recounts. "She was looking around, smiling, and I flattered myself to think that our eyes met. And I blurted something out like, 'I just think you're fabulous!' And I felt like she looked at me and said, 'Thank you!' with her big, beautiful smile.

"And that," she goes on, "was kind of it!"

The Envy of the Party

The breathtaking velocity with which the Dozoretzes have penetrated the courtier culture of the Clinton White House -- the schmooze equivalent of a Citation X -- has predictably raised eyebrows and aroused jealousy among some Democratic Party stalwarts, much of it aimed at Beth.

The envy quotient increased exponentially in September 1997 when a news wire photo of her grinning in a golf cart was published around the country. Dozoretz's chauffeur that day on Martha's Vineyard: the president of the United States.

"Beth came here to become just what she has become," says a major party fund-raiser who asked not to be named. Given her power and access, her critics naturally don't want to antagonize her.

"Starting from the very beginning, they were having dinners and soirees at their apartment in Washington Harbour," this fund-raiser says. "The whole program was geared to rising to the top. She had a staff from the very first day. I mean, how many housewives have staffs? She played golf with the president, and she took golf lessons so she could play with him. Her husband obviously is very, very wealthy, and this is something they set out to accomplish. And obviously they have."

"That's just ugly," Dozoretz replies. "It's untrue and unkind, but I think it's to be expected." She notes that she comes "from a family of golfers" and enjoyed the game long before she met the president. "Maybe this comes up because a woman is getting some recognition. What's the old saying? If you work hard as a woman, you're a bitch. If you work hard as a man, I don't know what they say, but it's different."

"Politics is probably as tough a business as any, and the fund-raising side can be especially mean-spirited," says Ari Swiller, who was director of the DNC's large-contributor program when Dozoretz was co-chairman in 1994, soliciting in the \$ 25,000-to-\$ 100,000 range. "Everyone wants a piece of the pie, everyone wants the limelight, and people talk behind each other's backs."

Presidential confidant Terry McAuliffe, who headed up fund-raising for the DNC and later the Clinton reelection campaign, shows little patience for Dozoretz's second-guessers: "Everybody really ought to just stop this. She's worked hard. She was nothing but helpful to me when I was finance chair of the party. Beth has always been there, asking, 'How can I help?' "

Another friend, Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, daughter of the late Robert F. Kennedy and wife of the housing secretary, dismisses the notion that the Dozoretzes are typical Washington social climbers. "It would be so easy to paint that picture, but it would be such a shallow look at who these people are," she says. "I've been around a lot of social climbers in my life. I grew up in this family that was very attractive to people. So I think my radar is pretty sophisticated. Beth and Ron are definitely not in that group.

"The truth is, yes, they came to town knowing very few people and they became friends with a lot of people in various positions of power. But the reason they've been such a big hit is because they are really good friends and they genuinely care and they call you when you're in trouble." When her young daughter, Maria, badly burned herself and required 10 days of hospitalization last year, "it was a terrifying experience," Cuomo says. "But Beth came to the hospital every single day and she brought wonderful presents. She was really a comfort."

Party activist Patricia Duff says Dozoretz has stuck by her during her widely publicized divorce and custody battle with New York billionaire Ronald Perelman, who happens to be a major DNC donor.

"She's been a true-blue loyal friend, all through the difficulty, and not everybody has," Duff says. (Her 4-year-old daughter, Caleigh, often plays with the Dozoretzes' 4-year-old son, Joshua.) "She was actually the one who helped put Bob Torricelli and me together," she adds, referring to her current boyfriend, the New Jersey Democrat who chairs the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Torricelli, noting that he and Duff frequently dine and sometimes vacation with the Dozoretzes, says, "They are that rare combination of people who are intellectually stimulating and also fun -- and in whom I have great personal trust."

Torricelli, who dated Bianca Jagger before the blondly stunning Duff, discusses Beth like a connoisseur. "It's not unusual for a beautiful woman of real intellect to have influence in Washington," he says. "What might make **Beth Dozoretz** different is that she has an intensity and persuasiveness. It's an unusual quality, and it comes from somewhere in her background."

The Marrying Kind

She grew up Beth Ellen Goldman in Worcester, Mass., the daughter of a dentist who, she recalls, never made the kind of money he deserved. "He was actually a researcher and world-renowned for his inventions," she says. "He invented a solution that when sprayed on decay would make it dissolve and separate from the tooth. That was his most famous invention, but he had, oh my God, many, many, many other inventions, and his specialty was root canal. He was a brilliant scientist, but not a very good businessman."

Worcester was safe, comfortable and dull. Beth worked at various jobs from the age of 14 on, and volunteered as a camp counselor at the Jewish Community Center. She thought she wanted a career as a teacher. So she attended a small college in Boston, got her degree in three years, and at 20, during her final year, married her high school sweetheart, Dick Schwartz.

He wanted to continue his own studies and get a master's degree in computer science, and then go to law school, so Beth Schwartz became the breadwinner. She did a little modeling and retailing of clothes before taking a job as a first-grade teacher. But she quickly discovered she was unsuited to the classroom, and returned to sales. She obviously had a talent for it.

A job at a contemporary sportswear company required her to travel weekly from Framingham, Mass., to New York's garment center. She soon was promoted to the key position of buyer. "Some people think you're a bum, and some people think you're terrific," she recalls the company president telling her before giving her the job. Her marriage gradually fell apart, but she flourished in the Darwinian atmosphere of the shmata trade -- the widely used Yiddish expression for the unforgiving and often terrifying business in which companies thrive or die on the brutal whims of fashion.

By age 31 she was president of Clyde's Sportswear, a company that made women's clothes for the office, and was earning well into six figures. An avowed workaholic, she had a brief and unhappy second marriage to an apparel executive.

"Beth was just driven to success. What she didn't know, she certainly worked hard to find out," says Irving Sandorf, the former owner of Clyde's Sportswear, which went bankrupt several years ago. "She has a way of getting into you a little bit. She knows how to manipulate people. I don't know if you'd call them 'people skills.' It's more like 'I'll use you, you use me' skills. . . . I think Beth wants to be the next Pamela Harriman."

In 1988, after the man who was to be her third husband suffered a fatal heart attack, she left her career with a handsome bank account and took stock of her life. Ron Dozoretz first clapped eyes on

Beth in an elegant Upper East Side apartment -- the home of a relative -- where he was hosting a fund-raiser for Virginia gubernatorial candidate Doug Wilder. It was 1989, and she attended with her then-boyfriend Andrew Tisch, of the Loews and CBS Tisches.

"I was very taken with her," says Dozoretz, who was 53, a rich and eligible bachelor, long divorced from his first wife. The following February he learned that Beth had broken up with Tisch, and he invited her to a Valentine's Day dinner. Afterward he brought her to meet his two grown daughters. He knew he had met his future wife.

"That was it," Ron Dozoretz says, warming to his subject. "I was crazy about her then and I'm crazy about her now." They were married in September 1990. "I never turned back, and she's only gotten better. I go to sleep every night and give her kisses, and wake up and give her kisses in the middle of the night."

Not to be outdone in the mushy department, **Beth Dozoretz** says: "He is a wonderful man!"

Her Corner of the World

Today she operates out of a small room at party headquarters on Capitol Hill, in a corner of the DNC finance department. She makes scores of phone calls to the rich and politically connected while sitting at a dented table sheathed in fake veneer. The walls are scuffed.

"This," **Beth Dozoretz** says with a laugh, "is a much nicer office than I used to have in the garment center."

Having distinguished herself in the game of coaxing dollars out of people, starting out when Sen. Chuck Robb (D-Va.), a friend of her husband's, asked her in 1992 to help launch the Women's Leadership Forum for the Senate Democrats, she proposed herself for DNC finance chairman. In the end, she was the Clintons' personal choice for the unenviable task of keeping the Democratic Party afloat as the next presidential election looms.

"This job is more than I've ever dealt with, but, though it's very intense pressure, I feel good about where the money's going," she says. "I don't take it personally if somebody says no. I try to make a compelling reason for them to want to do it."

Certainly Dozoretz has her own compelling reasons for shouldering the burden: a devotion to Democratic programs and policies, a wish to see more women in office, a will to succeed. "And I meet really interesting people -- very, very interesting people."

Dozoretz with Clinton and Peter Knight at a White House DNC fund-raiser in 1996; The president ferries Dozoretz in a golf cart on Martha's Vineyard two years ago. Now that she's come around to politics, **Beth Dozoretz**, at her Capitol Hill office, is the new finance chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Clinton pals Ronald and **Beth Dozoretz**: Politics used to bore her, but now she's leading Democratic efforts to raise \$ 170 million by November 2000.

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CORRECTION:

An article in the April 1 Style section about Democratic fund-raiser **Beth Dozoretz** mentioned the bankruptcy of a sportswear company once owned by Irving Sandorf. The company went bankrupt after Sandorf sold it.

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President Clinton came to the aid of U.S. Senate candidate Brian Schweitzer, a self-described Montana dirt farmer, at a Washington, D.C., fundraiser Wednesday night, saying he also is concerned with the high price seniors must pay for prescription drugs.

"He (Schweitzer) wants to do something with our prosperity," Clinton said. "He wants to do something for the people who need help, not just those of use who can afford to come to an event like this."

Roughly 100 guests at the posh residence of Ron and **Beth Dozoretz** paid a minimum of \$1,000 each. Officials said the event injected \$200,000 into Schweitzer's campaign. The hosts have been key Clinton campaign fund-raisers and **Beth Dozoretz** was finance chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1999.

Schweitzer, a Democrat from Whitefish in northwestern Montana, is hoping to deny Republican incumbent Sen. Conrad Burns a third term.

"Your checks will make a difference," Mrs. Dozoretz said. "You are raising 10 percent of what Brian needs."

Clinton specifically referred to Schweitzer hosting trips with senior citizens to Canada and Mexico to buy prescription drugs for much less than they sell for in this country.

"This taking people to Canada, it really painted a picture of what we're up against," Clinton said.

He added, "If we change Senate seats in Montana, that'll be a switch of two - they'll lose one and we'll gain one."

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Beth Dozoretz's Exit Strategy

"This job was unrelenting--day and night it was on my mind--and I took my responsibility very seriously," said mover and shaker **Beth Dozoretz**, who just quit as finance chairman of the Democratic National Committee only eight months after asking President Clinton to give her the task of raising \$ 170 million by next November. "There was a lot of stress," Dozoretz, 47, told us yesterday, "and it was wearing thin on Ron"--her 63-year-old mega-millionaire psychiatrist husband, "but the thing that made it even more difficult is that I have little kids. Josh will be going to school, and two Sundays ago I had a birthday party for my 1-year-old daughter, Melanne, and I thought, 'My God, I've missed a year of her life.' "

The Dozoretzes claimed their place at the top of the Washington ziggurat last year when the president stood as godfather during an eyebrow-raising ceremony for little Melanne. Democratic Party regulars bitterly envied Beth, but ultimately gave her credit for shouldering the fund-raising burden. Yesterday she insisted she had always planned an early departure--never mind assumptions to the contrary--and Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell's selection as new party chairman "is a perfect exit strategy for me." But her misery index had quickly risen on the job, and sources said her cheery chutzpah grated on, among others, Vice President Gore's campaign chairman, Tony Coelho. But Dozoretz told us she's proud of her performance. "I am smiling from the inside."

War of the Gingriches

* The divorce of Newt and Marianne Gingrich has taken a turn for the toxic. Yesterday, lawyers for the 56-year-old former House speaker told us that they'll bombard his estranged wife with paperwork if she doesn't agree to terms of surrender. "We'll do a court filing every day for the next 12 days," vowed Newt's attorney Randolph Evans. "This week we're going to deal with the financial assets. Next week we'll deal with who's responsible for the breakup of the marriage."

The battle heated up Tuesday when Newt's lawyers asked a Cobb County, Ga., judge to make Marianne, 48, sit for a videotaped deposition on Oct. 19. She has already won the right to question Newt's girlfriend, 33-year-old congressional aide Callista Bisek, and wants to grill Newt, too (perhaps nicely seared on the outside, juicy on the inside).

The Gingriches have agreed to put all their cash into a joint account till the divorce is final, with an independent financial adviser to look after it. But Newt claims that Marianne has bungled her job as