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# Children, Violence and Responsibility

--The Clinton-Gore Administration Record --

## GIVING PARENTS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN

**Giving Families A New Tool -- A Content-Based Television Ratings System.** Striving to protect children from violence and adult content on television, the President and Vice President garnered a breakthrough agreement from the television industry to create a content-based voluntary ratings system. The new system went into effect October 1, 1997, giving parents the information they need to determine if TV shows are appropriate for viewing by their children and to identify which programs they may want to block from their homes through screening technology (the V-chip). The voluntary rating system includes age- and content-based ratings.

**Helping Parents Control What Comes Into Their Living Room with the V-Chip.** Four years ago, the President and the Vice President used the Family Policy Conference in Nashville to call for V-chip legislation -- to give parents new tools to help them screen out television programs that are not fit for their kids. Under strong leadership from the White House, the following year saw Congress enact the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which included V-chip legislation. Now, by January 2000, all new televisions are scheduled to include this screening technology.

**Hosting the White House Conference on Children's Television.** In July 1996, the President and Vice President convened the White House Conference on Children's Television to improve and expand educational television for children. Conference participants included parents, industry representatives, advocates, experts and advertisers. At the Conference, the television industry joined with the President and agreed to air more educational and instructional children's shows.

**Encouraging More Educational Television.** At the President's urging, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted clear and concrete rules to encourage the development and promotion of TV programming that would be both welcomed by parents and watched by children. The rules require three hours of regularly scheduled, half-hour weekly educational and instructional programming as a requirement for license renewal.

**Promoting a "Family Friendly" Internet.** The President and Vice President have worked to make cyberspace a safe place for children. The Administration has enlisted the assistance of numerous stakeholders, including industry leaders, teachers, parents, Internet users and librarians to work towards the creation of a "family friendly" Internet. The Administration's three part strategy includes: (1) industry commitments to provide blocking, filtering and labeling technology for use by parents and teachers using the 'Net; 2) effective enforcement of existing laws; and 3) increased parental awareness and involvement. This strategy is designed to give parents and teachers the tools they need to prevent children from getting access to inappropriate material on the Internet, and to guide them towards high-quality educational resources.

**Keeping Children Safe on the Internet with the Parents' Protection Page.** Recently, the Vice President announced the parents' protection page, an important new commitment by 15 of the country's premier Internet companies to give parents the resources they need to protect their children from inappropriate material on the Internet. The parents' protection page, which will be available for use by July 1999, will provide parents with

the tools and knowledge to supervise and guide their children's online activities. In addition to giving parents blocking, filtering and monitoring tools, this page includes information for parents, teachers and children on how to report crime or other troubling activity online. The parents' protection page also can serve as a guide to finding the vast array of high quality educational materials online.

## **PROMOTING SCHOOL SAFETY**

**Creating a New Federal Response for Violent Deaths in Schools.** President Clinton has proposed \$12 million in his FY 2000 budget for School Emergency Response to Violence -- or Project SERV -- to help schools and local communities respond to school-related violent deaths, such as those that occurred last school year in Jonesboro, Arkansas; Paducah, Kentucky; Pearl, Mississippi; and Springfield, Oregon. Developed with input from local officials and educators in these and other communities, Project SERV will enable the Federal government to assist local communities in much the same way that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assists in response to natural disasters.

**Hiring School Resource Officers, Targeting Assistance to Schools with Serious Crime Problems.** To help give schools with crime problems the tools they need to put the security of our children first, at the White House Conference on School Safety, the President announced a new \$65 million initiative to hire up to 2,000 community police and School Resource Officers to work in schools -- and to train police, educators and other members of the community to help recognize the early warning signs of violence. The President recently announced the first installment of the initiative; this funding will allow an additional 600 School Resource Officers to serve in 336 communities across the country.

**Forging School-Based Partnerships Between Schools and Law Enforcement.** Under the School-Based Partnerships grant program, the Clinton Administration released \$16.4 million in grants to 155 law enforcement agencies in September 1998. The School-Based Partnerships grants will be used by policing agencies to work with schools and community-based organizations to address crime at and around schools. This initiative emphasizes using principles of community policing and problem-solving methods to address the causes of school-related crime. The grants will help forge or strengthen partnerships between local law enforcement and schools to focus on school crime, drug use and discipline problems.

**Launching a Community-Wide Response to School Safety and Youth Violence.** To help communities throughout the country promote a coordinated, comprehensive response to school safety, the President launched a new Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative designed to help 50 cities develop and implement community-wide school safety plans. In April 1999, the Departments of Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services announced that they will provide over \$180 million this year, and a total of \$380 million over three years through the Initiative for communities to fund comprehensive school safety plans that include anti-truancy initiatives, mentoring, mental health services, conflict resolution programs, school resource officers, and more -- helping to promote healthy development and to prevent youth violence before it occurs. Communities will have until June 1, 1999 to apply for the funds.

**Helping to Make All Schools Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free.** In 1994, President Clinton expanded the Drug-Free Schools Act into the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act, making violence prevention a key part of this program. Safe and Drug-Free Schools currently provides support for violence and drug prevention programs to 97 percent of the nation's school districts. At the White House Conference on School Safety,

President Clinton announced his plan for a significant overhaul of this nearly \$600 million Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program. Under the President's proposal, schools will be required to adopt rigorous, comprehensive school safety plans that include: tough, but fair, discipline policies; safe passage to and from schools; effective drug and violence policies and programs; annual school safety and drug use report cards; links to after school programs; efforts to involve parents; and crisis management plans.

**Responding to the Early Warning Signs of Troubled Youth.** President Clinton directed the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General to develop a guide to help teachers and principals identify and respond to the early warning signs of troubled youth that can lead to school violence. In August 1998, the Departments of Justice and Education released *Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools*. This guide provides schools and communities with information on how to identify the early warning signs and take action steps to prevent and respond to school violence. More than 200,000 copies of the guide have been distributed, and additional copies may be obtained through the websites of the Departments of Education and Justice.

**Providing Safe After-School Opportunities for More than a Million Children a Year.** Last year (FY98), the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program was expanded to \$200 million. This funding is already supporting hundreds of school-based after-school programs in rural and urban schools in 44 states and the District of Columbia, including weekend and summer programs. This year, the President proposed to triple this initiative -- to \$600 million -- to provide safe and educational after-school opportunities for up to 1.1 million school-age children in communities across the country. In addition, the Education Department released a report in June 1998, titled *Safe and Smart: Making the After-School Hours Work for Kid*. This report shows that after-school programs can lower juvenile crime and improve academic performance. *Safe and Smart* was sent to every school district in the country.

**Targeting Young People with a National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign.** In July 1998, President Clinton launched the national expansion of the Anti-Drug Media Campaign first proposed in the 1997 national drug control strategy. The 5-year, \$2-billion campaign (which includes private sector matching contributions) is designed to let teens know -- when they turn on the television, listen to the radio, or surf the 'Net -- that drugs are dangerous, wrong and can kill you.

## **KEEPING GUNS AWAY FROM YOUTH**

**Won Passage of the Brady Bill.** Since taking effect in 1994, the Brady Law has helped to prevent over a quarter of a million felons, fugitives, stalkers, and other prohibited purchasers from buying handguns. In November 1998, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) took effect under the Brady Law, allowing access to a fuller set of records that law enforcement officials can use to conduct checks of all prospective gun purchases -- not just for handguns. To date, NICS has conducted over 3.4 million background checks on gun purchasers, and the FBI has stopped over 36,000 illegal gun sales.

**Banned the Manufacture and Importation of 19 of the Deadliest Assault Weapons.** The 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act banned 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies, while specifically protecting more than 50 legitimate sporting weapons. Cop-killing assault weapons, like the Uzi, are the weapons of choice for drug dealers and gangs -- not hunters and sportsmen. A recent Justice Department study found that the 1994 assault weapon ban contributed to a decrease in criminal use of the banned guns and a reduction in the overall gun murder rate.

**Cracking Down on Illegal Gun Trafficking with the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative.** In 1996,

President Clinton launched the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) in 17 cities to help trace crime guns to their source, as well as identify and arrest the adults who traffic firearms to children. Over the past two years, the President has expanded the YCGII initiative to 37 cities ATF agents have conducted more than 200,000 crime gun traces for local law enforcement. Last year alone, ATF initiated over 300 investigations in these cities, which involved over 3,300 illegally trafficked firearms. Additionally, over the last two years the President has proposed hiring more than 280 new Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) agents and more than 40 new Federal prosecutors to arrest gun traffickers and violent criminals, and crack down on illegal gun sales.

**Requiring Child Safety Locks for Handguns.** Child safety locks and other safety devices can reduce the unauthorized use of handguns, by a child at play or a teen looking to commit a crime. Many youth have to look no further than their own home to get their hands on a gun: an estimated one-third of all privately-owned handguns are left both loaded and unlocked. In March 1997, the President signed a directive to every Federal agency, requiring child safety locking devices with all handguns issued to Federal law enforcement officers. And, in an historic agreement, eight major gun manufacturers followed the President's lead and have voluntarily agreed to provide child safety locking devices with all their handguns.

**Signed into Law the Youth Handgun Safety Act.** In 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Youth Handgun Safety Act, which generally banned the possession of handguns or handgun ammunition by juveniles under the age of 18, and made it a Federal offense for adults to transfer handguns to juveniles, with limited exceptions. In 1997, the President directed the Treasury Department to require that signs be posted on the premises of Federal firearms licensees and that written notification be issued with each handgun sold to non-licensees to help ensure compliance with the Youth Handgun Safety Act.

**Enforcing Zero Tolerance for Guns and Other Weapons in Schools.** In October 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Gun-Free Schools Act, requiring school districts to expel students who bring guns to school. The President issued a Presidential Directive later that month to enforce the "zero tolerance" policy for guns in schools, consistent with the Gun-Free Schools Act. In school year 1996-97, the U.S. Department of Education estimates that, under zero tolerance policies, 6,093 students were expelled from public schools for bringing a firearm to school.

**Introduced the Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act.** The President recently announced new legislation to strengthen the Brady Law and the assault weapons ban, restrict access to guns by our youth and crack down on illegal gun traffickers. The President's proposed bill will: (1) raise the age of the youth handgun ban from 18 to 21 years of age; (2) ban youth possession of semi-automatic assault rifles; (3) prohibit violent juveniles from ever owning guns; (4) require child safety locking devices for guns; (5) reduce illegal gun running by limiting the purchase of handguns to no more than one per month; (6) halt the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines; (7) require Brady background checks for the purchase of explosives and at gun shows; and (8) help law enforcement trace more crime guns to their source.

**Q&A on National School Safety Training Program  
for Teachers and Educational Personnel  
June 4, 1999**

**Q: What did the President announce with respect to school safety?**

**A:** Today the President announced a major nationwide public/private partnership with the National Education Association (NEA), EchoStar, and other partners to improve school safety. The partnership, which includes the Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services, will create and run a comprehensive program that will be available at the beginning of the new school year with the goal of reaching every school across the country and providing training to teachers, school personnel, and community members on how to improve school safety. The partnership will provide both lesson plans for educational and community members working to make schools safer and the technology for schools to receive the new materials.

**Q: How many training sessions will there be, and what are their topics?**

**A:** Beginning in October of this year, there will be at least 10 training sessions. In its first event in October of this year, the partnership will host a training session at which teachers and school personnel can learn about identifying warning signs of troubled kids and what resources they have to help those children. In addition to the first session focusing on helping troubled children, topics for future meetings include discussion of common sense school security measures; school mental health services; programs addressed to isolated and stigmatized students; safe school plans; assistance in creating partnerships between schools and persons in the community, including law enforcement and other local organizations; and outreach to parents and community involvement.

**Q: How will the training sessions work?**

**A:** The partnership plans to transmit the training to school districts that will then be able to distribute the material by videotape to local schools and hold hands-on training sessions with teachers, educational personnel, and community participants, including law enforcement. In order to make sure school districts have the technology to receive the new materials, the satellite company EchoStar, which is based in Littleton, Colorado, and its partner Future View, Inc., are donating satellite dishes to 1000 school districts and 40 hours of free time for programming.

**Q: What are the Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services contributing to this partnership?**

**A:** The Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services will participate in this public-private partnership by providing funding and other

resources to develop at least three training sessions; assisting in the distribution of any materials; providing technical assistance in developing lesson plans; making government experts available for training sessions; and working with NEA, EchoStar, and the other partners to make sure that the resources and the goals of this initiative are coordinated in order to facilitate outreach to schools.

**Q: How does this fit in with other efforts the Administration has made in the area of school safety?**

**A:** This proposal builds on other efforts the President has made in the area of school safety. The Administration's revamped Safe and Drug-Free Schools proposal contains a number of new initiatives to help keep our schools safer, more disciplined, and drug-free. The safe schools proposal will require counseling for students who bring guns and bombs to school, promote programs that educate students on the risks associated with firearms, provide more school counselors to help deal with troubled youth, and inform parents when guns are brought to school. This proposal also promotes more orderly and disciplined classrooms by allowing more education funds to be spent on alternative schools for disruptive youth, and character education to help instill common sense values in our young people.

This proposal also provides more effective prevention programs for the reduction of drugs and violence in schools, more accountability for results, and better targeting to those schools that need the most assistance. Under the revamped program, school districts will be expected to develop plans that: require schools to adopt comprehensive school safety plans, use proven anti-drug and violence prevention programs, establish security procedures for schools, and give parents an annual school report of incidents of drug use and violence. In addition, the Administration's safe schools initiative would create Project SERV--the School Emergency Response to Violence --to dispatch a coordinated FEMA-like response if a school tragedy should occur.

But whole communities need to get involved with keeping our schools safe. That is why the Administration created a new \$380 million program, the Safe Schools-Healthy Students initiative, to establish community-wide responses to school safety. Our initiative will give communities funds to provide comprehensive services for our young people, such as mental health services, school resource officers, mentoring, and after school programs.

Youth violence is a problem that government cannot solve alone. That is why the Administration called for the creation of a national campaign to reduce youth violence. This campaign will work at the grass-roots level with all sectors of our society -- the media, education groups, parents, religious leaders, and young people -- to focus on this problem, find what is working, and spread it to new communities.

## **National School Safety Training Program for Teachers and Educational Personnel**

Today, the President will announce a major nationwide public/private partnership with the National Education Association (NEA), EchoStar, and other partners to improve school safety. The partnership, which includes the Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services, will create and run a comprehensive program that will be available at the beginning of the new school year with the goal of reaching every school across the country and providing training to teachers, school personnel, and community members on how to improve school safety. The partnership will provide both lesson plans for educational and community members working to make schools safer and the technology for schools to receive the new materials.

The President will highlight that the goal of the campaign is to get teachers and school personnel the school safety training they need for the coming school year. In its first event in October of this year, the partnership will host a training session at which teachers and school personnel can learn about identifying warning signs of troubled kids and what resources they have to help those children. The training sessions will be transmitted with donated satellites and through other means.

In order to make sure school districts have the technology to receive the new materials, the satellite company EchoStar, which is based in Littleton, Colorado, and its partner Future View, Inc., are donating satellite dishes to 1000 school districts and 40 hours of free time for programming. President Clinton will challenge other members of the business community, including cable companies, public television stations, and other media outlets, to donate resources so that every school district will be able to receive the materials.

The Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services will participate in this public-private partnership by providing funding and other resources to develop at least three training sessions; assisting in the distribution of any materials; providing technical assistance in developing lesson plans; making government experts available for training sessions; and working with NEA, EchoStar, and the other partners to make sure that the resources and the goals of this initiative are coordinated in order to facilitate outreach to schools.

In creating the curriculum for the training sessions, the NEA has launched this program with members of the Learning First Alliance, including the American Federation of Teachers, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Parent Teachers Association, along with other national education organizations as well as the Fraternal Order of Police and the American Psychological Association. The Harvard School of Public Health will also participate. The partnership plans to transmit the training to school districts that will then be able to distribute the material by videotape to local schools and hold hands-on training sessions with teachers, educational personnel, and community participants, including law

enforcement.

In addition to the first session focusing on helping troubled children, topics for future meetings include discussion of common sense school security measures; school mental health services; programs addressed to isolated and stigmatized students; safe school plans; assistance in creating partnerships between schools and persons in the community, including law enforcement and other local organizations; and outreach to parents and community involvement.

May 25, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: Bruce Reed

SUBJECT: The White House Strategy Meeting on Children, Violence and Responsibility –  
Follow-up Activities

This memo provides you with an update on our activities since the Strategy Meeting that took place on May 10th.

First, we are focusing on the development of the National Campaign to Prevent Youth Violence. To that end, we are working on the following:

1. We have held several meetings with Sarah Brown of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Eli Segal of the Welfare to Work Partnership to discuss their experiences with similar national efforts and to work through the mechanics of the campaign and its structure.
2. We are working with Eli Segal and Pam Eakes, the founder of Mothers Against Violence in America, to help organize the launch of the campaign. They have agreed to create an informal steering committee made up of some of the participants of the Strategy Meeting. The steering committee will search for a chair of the campaign, develop its organizational structure, and adopt a mission statement that lays out the agenda for the campaign in its first few months.
3. We are developing a mission statement for the national campaign that sets out its goals and tasks. The mission statement will serve as the guiding principles of the organization, discuss the rationale for the campaign, lay out the agenda for its first few months and outline some of its goals for the future.
4. We are coordinating the commitments to the campaign from a number of the major organizations that attended the Strategy Meeting. Prior to the meeting, some of the participating organizations, including the YWCA and the American Medical Association, made commitments to help the national campaign, by offering to join it, develop projects that complement its goals and other forms of support. We are following up with each of these participants to ensure they will sustain their commitment.
5. We are working with the Correspondence Office to send a letter from the President to each of the participants in the Strategy Meeting that will thank them for their involvement and seek their support for national efforts to reduce youth violence. In addition, we are sending letters to all those who have written the White House with offers to help the national campaign (Bruce – are we doing anything else in these letters? RS wasn't clear.). These letters will be sent out by next week.

As we move forward on the national campaign, we are also working on a number of events involving the President and other principals to continue visibility on youth violence and to add momentum for the campaign. As you know, the President will announce next week that the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice will conduct a study of the marketing practices of the entertainment industry to determine whether violent media rated for adults, including movies, video games and recordings, are marketed towards children. In addition, we are working on announcements related to the national campaign for the *Good Morning America* interview of the President and First Lady scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we are working on announcements related to the mental health issues raised by school violence for the Mental Health Conference on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**STRATEGY SESSION ON CHILDREN, VIOLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Monday, May 10, 1999 - 10:00 am  
White House - Business - East Appointments Gate  
(60 Total Participants)

Bruce,  
Here are my recommendations  
for calls. There are 13  
but some aren't  
that necessary.  
-Beera

*Italic = NEW as of May 9, 1999 (5:48pm)*

**THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY**

**THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GORE**



Dr. Drew Altman; President & CEO, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation — additional support?

Dr. Maya Angelou; Professor and Poet

Mr. Decker Anstrom; President, National Cable Television Association

*Mr. Jonathan Barnett; Professor of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania*

Dr. Carl Bell; President & CEO, The Community Mental Health Council and

Professor of Psychiatry and Public Health, University of Illinois, Chicago

Hon. Sharon Sayles Belton; Mayor of the City of Minneapolis

→ Mrs. Sarah Brady; Chair, Handgun Control, Inc. and The Center to Prevent Handgun Violence — knows all

Hon. Bill Brewster; President, R. Duffy Wall & Associates

Hon. (Sen.) Sam Brownback; R/Kansas

Ms. Shane Cambroner; City Year Staff Member and Former Americorps Member

Mr. Steve Case; Chairman and CEO, America Online

→ Mr. Robert Chase; President, National Education Association — didn't make commitment but have  
done + are doing a ton of announcements  
for mental health.

→ Dr. Nancy Wilson Dickey; President, American Medical Association — Made a commitment to  
help the campaign

Hon. (Rep.) Jennifer Dunn; R/Washington

→ Mrs. Pamela Eakes; President and Founder, Mothers Against Violence in America

Ms. Gloria Estefan; Recording Artist

→ Ms. Sandy Feldman; President, American Federation of Teachers — Made commitment before the  
meeting to help w/

Mr. Abraham H. Foxman; National Director, Anti-Defamation League

Mr. Eddie Fritts; President & CEO, National Association of Broadcasters

Dr. James Garbarino; Co-Director, Family Life Development Center, Cornell University — I've talked to him  
he's wacky on some ides  
on what works.

Hon. (Rep.) Richard Gephardt; D/Missouri

Mr. Terrence Gray; Student/Peer Mediator, T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria, VA

Mr. Eric Heydenberk; Student, Strayer Middle School, Quakertown, PA

Mr. Robert A. Iger; Chairman, ABC Group and President, Walt Disney International

Mr. Paul Jannuzzo; Vice President and General Counsel, GLOCK, Inc.

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Hon. William Kennard; Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

Mr. Douglas Lowenstein; President, Interactive Digital Software Association

Ms. Ginny Markell; President-Elect, National PTA

→ Dr. Prema Mathai-Davis; CEO, YWCA of the U.S.A. - *Committed her organization to help the campaign*  
Ms. Mary Ellen Maxwell; President, National School Boards Association

Gen. Barry McCaffrey; Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Monsignor Thomas McDade; Secretary of Education, United States Catholic Conference

Mr. Leslie Moonves; President and CEO, CBS Corporation

Ms. Maria Monteil; Student/Peer Mediator, T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria, VA

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Director, UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Service

Hon. Bruce Reed; Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

Hon. (Sen.) Harry Reid; D/Nevada

Hon. Janet Reno; Attorney General, United States

→ Mr. Robert A. Ricker; Executive Director, American Shooting Sports Council - *maybe he could do something more?*

Hon. Richard W. Riley; Secretary of Education

→ Rev. Eugene F. Rivers III; Co-Chair, National Ten Point Leadership Foundation - *actually does grass-roots work + committed to help w/ campaign*

→ Gov. Roy Romer; Chairman, Policy Advisory Committee, The Advertising Council, Inc.

Ms. Hilary B. Rosen; President and CEO, Recording Industry Association of America

Hon. Kenneth L. Salazar; Attorney General, State of Colorado

→ Dr. Samuel G. Sava; Executive Director, National Association of Elementary School Principals - *Resources*

Hon. Eli J. Segal; President and CEO, Welfare to Work Partnership

→ Hon. Donna E. Shalala; Secretary of Health and Human Services

→ Mr. Andrew Shue; Founder, Do Something Foundation - *Pres. liked him*

Mr. Ed Shultz; President and CEO, Smith and Wesson

→ Ms. Roxanne Spillett; President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America - *I never talked to her ahead of time but her organization is an ideal partner.*

Hon. Jack Valenti; Chairman and CEO, Motion Picture Association

Ms. Simonna Woodson; Student/Peer Mediator, Arsenal Tech High School

Lt. Steve Young; National Vice President, Fraternal Order of Police

**White House Strategy Session on  
Children, Violence and Responsibility  
May 10, 1999**

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PRESS BRIEFING BY  
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The Briefing Room

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MR. REED: Good afternoon. I'm Bruce Reed, the President's Domestic Policy Advisor, and I thought I would give you a readout from this meeting we just held in the East Room. The meeting went on for about three hours. There were 60 participants, 50 of who spoke. And we were able to secure real, lasting commitments to move forward in this effort to reduce youth violence.

Let me just run through a few of them. First, there was an extraordinary exchange between the representatives of the gun manufacturers and Sarah Brady, a leading gun control advocate, on the importance of finding common ground. We have, in fact, found common ground in five areas in which the President had laid out two weeks ago here at the White House.

The gun industry agreed in principle to support legislation to raise the handgun ban from 18 years to 21 years of age; close the gun show loophole by requiring background checks at gun shows; pass juvenile Brady legislation to ban violent juveniles from buying a gun for life; hold parents criminally responsible for recklessly giving access to a gun later used to commit injury or cause death; and finally, to expand gun tracing, which is a leading law-enforcement tool to track down guns used in crimes, and to stop illegal gun trafficking.

Bob Ricker, who's the head of the lobbying arm of the gun industry, said, we can make progress if we're all big enough to step forward. Sarah Brady said that this is not about being pro-gun or anti-gun; it's not Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative; it's about safety. And other representatives of the gun industry all said, we want to be part of the solution, and said that their involvement here at today's session grew out of a meeting here at the White House a year and a half ago, where they stepped forward to offer voluntary compliance in providing child safety devices with the guns that they sell.

Second, there was an exchange between the Vice President, Steve Case, and Doug Lowenstein, who represents the trade association for video game manufacturers. The Vice President asked Doug Lowenstein if his industry would be willing to commit to developing an on-line rating system for video games. Currently, there's a rating system for video games that you purchase in stores, but there's a big loophole for video games on line. And Doug Lowenstein, on behalf of the video game industry, and Steve Case, on behalf of AOL, agreed to work together to find a way to plug that loophole on-line.

Steve Case also announced that AOL is building on the efforts that were announced here last week, of creating a parents' protection page. They're also doing something they call PACT, which is a pledge that parents and children can make together when they go on-line to commit to store guns in a safe place if they own guns, to talk to one another, and so on. And we have copies of what they put out here.

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Steve Case also talked at some length about how important -- what an important moment this is for the Internet. He mentioned that when cars and televisions first emerged on the horizon; everyone thought that they would be good for the country -- and they have proved to be good for the country, but there have been some consequences that weren't anticipated then from sprawl to violence on TV; and that it's very important to look now at how the Internet is developing in its infancy, to make sure that 50 years from now people will believe that the Internet has been a development that brought us closer together and not pushed us further apart.

As the President announced in his pool spray, the Kaiser Foundation, in partnership with the Ad Council, is going to be launching an ad campaign of public service announcements to encourage parents to talk with their kids about tough issues. The Kaiser Foundation is also stepping up parental education on the V-chip with a new national education campaign on that. As you may know, by July 1st, half the television sets sold in this country will contain the V-chip. The FCC announced today that it will put in place a V-chip task force to make sure that by the beginning of next year, there are V-chips in every new set sold in America, and to do more to educate parents on how they work and encourage them to use them.

And there was, I think, considerable interest in the V-chip model. The Vice President talked about how important this will be in changing market signals, that once parents have the ability to screen out violent programming, advertisers will take note; that, as the Vice President said, even if only three percent of parents block out a particular program, that will make an enormous difference in the marketplace, and send a signal to advertisers and to networks that violent programming is less desirable.

There was good support from the television industry for the voluntary ratings system and for doing more with the V-chip. Bob Iger from ABC and Les Moonves from CBS were both there to commit to do whatever they can to make sure that the V-chip is used and well-known. Bob Iger talked about how many people in the entertainment industry are hypocritical about this issue, that whenever the finger is being pointed at them about violence, they say that their medium has no influence, but when they go out and talk to advertisers, they say that the audience is listening and taking note. And he said that everyone in the entertainment industry does need to recognize that their work has a real influence.

And then finally there were several commitments made to help launch this grass-roots campaign. As the First Lady announced in the Rose Garden, we will be forming a non-profit organization to carry out the work of this effort, modeled after the national campaign to prevent teen pregnancy, as well as the welfare to work partnership that we've created over the last couple of years.

Let me tell you a few of the best moments from the discussion. I think one young man stole the show, Eric Heydenberk, from Quakertown, Pennsylvania, who is starting a web page to counsel other kids on what to do about being bullied, about conflict resolution and about how to talk to one another. He also brought a copy of his latest CD from his jazz band, which he gave to the President. And I was sitting next to Steve Case, who was ready to offer him a job. He's 12 years old, he's about this tall. And Jack Valenti said to all the kids who spoke at

the meeting that if they wanted to run for Congress some day he would gladly get behind them.

There were some interesting moments between parents and kids. Sandy Feldman, head of the ATF, talked at some length about what needs to be done in the schools. But she also made the point that we need to help parents understand that it's all right for them to snoop on their children. And some of young people who were there, including Simonna Woodson, one of the students, said that she actually might get in trouble with her peers back home for saying it, but she thought that was a great idea, that she very much welcomes her parents meddling in her life because it shows that they have an interest and because it gives them a chance to talk.

And then, finally, I think there were several people, from the President on down, who challenged the media to consider the consequences of what they produce. The President told in the meeting the story that he told out in the Rose Garden about how there was a time when Hollywood tried to make movies that were consistent with the messages parents were trying to send and that made us larger as a nation, and that lots of things have changed over the last 30 years and culture is one of them. And we'd be kidding ourselves to believe otherwise.

So the overall tone of the meeting was extraordinarily constructive, no finger-pointing, a lot of people stepping up to the plate to take responsibility. Not a bit of politics in the room. Both Senator Brownback and Congresswoman Dunn spoke very thoughtfully about what they feel we can do as a nation to come together.

Q Was the NRA conciliatory as well as the other gun manufacturers?

MR. REED: Congressman Brewster, who was there -- former Congressman Bill Brewster, and NRA board member, was very constructive and supportive of what we're doing. And just in general, I think everyone there was struck by how conciliatory and apolitical the tone that was set.

Q Bruce, the NRA was not satisfied with your invitation to Congressman Brewster and complained this morning that none of their executive were invited to this meeting, even though they had offered their attendance. Why didn't you invite Charleton Heston or Wayne LaPierre or some of the people actually controlling the NRA?

MR. REED: We wanted to have a constructive meeting; we did have a constructive meeting. There was a wide range of views in that room. Not everybody agreed on everything, but we were able to find common ground because the gun manufacturers and the representatives of sportsmen, as well as the advocates of gun measures, were able to reach agreement. So I think that a vast array of views were represented, including the interests of hunters and sportsmen, and we should all be pleased that were making progress.

Q -- it wouldn't have been a constructive meeting then if the NRA had a seat at the table?

MR. REED: As I said, the NRA had a representative at the table, an old friend of the President, an old hunting buddy of the President. And he was very constructive, as were the representatives of the industry.

Q Do you think that Charleton Heston would have been destructive? Then why wasn't he invited?

MR. REED: I haven't had a chance, since I was in the meeting, to hear what the NRA said at its press conference today. Perhaps some of you --

Q Do you think that Charleton Heston would have been destructive, Bruce?

MR. REED: I'm not saying that. I'm saying we had a good meeting --

Q What are you saying? He wasn't invited, he would have come.

MR. REED: There are lots of people who weren't invited to this meeting. We only had 60 spots and --

Q He wasn't important enough?

MR. REED: I didn't say that either.

Q The foundation you're talking about, is there -- do you have first amendment concerns with that, the idea of a government-engendered group scrutinizing the media and telling them what to do about violence?

MR. REED: Well, this is not a media monitoring organization. This is an organization to shepherd commitments from people in all walks of life to make a difference on youth violence. That may well include challenging the media and involving the media and involving entertainers. In fact, Gloria Estefan was very good in the meeting at talking about how each of us has a responsibility to do our part. And Andrew Shue, who was also there, talked about the work of his foundation. So I think there's a strong role for representatives of the entertainment industry, and entertainers.

But the goal of this group, the work of this group, will be to study what's working around the country; try to help them spread successful ideas from one place to another; work with the media to make sure it's sending the right message.

Q The New York Times reported today that the conference was originally supposed to be about the link between media violence and youth behavior. But the New York Times said that you guys got sharp protests from Hollywood and Internet lobbies, saying that you shouldn't do that, you should look at a more broader look. I was going to ask you two questions. Is that true? And, did you talk with Internet people before this came about?

MR. REED: Well, first off, if you go back and look at the President's comments, the First Lady's comments, the Vice President's comments over the last six years, as well as over the last two weeks, you'll see that they've been completely consistent. From the beginning we've said this is not about pointing fingers, this is about taking responsibility. That was the purpose of the session.

As I said, the President and several others challenged the entertainment industry to take responsibility. But this was exactly the kind of meeting we had hoped for from the beginning -- a constructive effort to move forward in all walks of life.

Q In his Rose Garden comments, the President said, it's all right if some of this violent stuff is produced, it's just that it should at least not be marketed to children. And I was wondering if the White House supports some of the efforts on the Hill, for instance, to investigate is some of this violent stuff being specifically marketed to kids, kind of along the lines of the tobacco industry? And if that's found to be the case, then should there be more restrictions placed upon the marketing? Does the White House support that?

MR. REED: Well, I think, first off, the point the President was making, he did not say it's all right to produce this kind of material, but he was saying that, first, consider the consequences of what you make; if you're still going to make this stuff, at least make sure you don't market it to kids.

And I think we're all concerned about the glorification of violence, the effort to try to use violence to lure kids in. An I think there are lots of things that the entertainment industry can do.

The Vice President brought up another one at the meeting, which is that theater owners ought to enforce the under 17 requirements much more strictly than they do. I think getting violence out of the ads for movies and out of the previews for movies is a good step forward, and we can look further into what practices the industry may have. But I think all you have to do is go to the movies to see it.

Q Bruce, what the President said this morning --

Q Since you're talking about the movies, none of the movie studio heads themselves were here. Jack Valenti was here, but no one from specific studios. Can you explain why that was? And can you address the quotes we've seen in articles in recent days saying that some of those people feared that the White House was going to sandbag them and try to hold them responsible, maybe, for specific films that had come out?

MR. REED: Well, I don't want to speak for them. We were very encouraged that we were able to get the heads of ABC and CBS here, and I think that we saw encouraging signs from the entertainers who were there, who said how moved they have been since Littleton to try to galvanize efforts in their community. Jack Valenti said that in Hollywood right now, there are private meetings going on to talk about what the industry can do. And we certainly hope that's the case.

Q Can you tell us specifically, were any of those people invited and they just decided not to come, or they said they weren't willing to do this right now?

MR. REED: The only mogul I know of being invited and not coming is Edgar Bronfman, Jr., who had a scheduling conflict because his company is announcing a major theme park in Orlando today, and everyone in his company is there.

Q How about educating the parents and the kids --

MR. REED: There was a lot of talk about that. Several parents and representatives of parents' groups talked about that. And some people talked about the importance of media literacy, teaching kids how they're being manipulated by movies, by what they see on the screen, so that they understand how to deal with those kind of signals.

Q Bruce, what the NRA did say in their press conference this morning was that whatever gun control legislation the administration puts forward is a sham because it won't be enforced anyway. And the statistic that they like to use is, of

the 250,000 people who have been turned away because of Brady Bill waiting periods and background checks, only -- they said, I can't back this up -- but only 11 have ever been prosecuted for actually trying to violate federal gun laws. And they're saying that there's no effort by the Clinton Justice Department to actually enforce the laws that are on the books. Do you have a response to that?

MR. REED: Yes. It's just not true that we're not enforcing these laws. We work very closely with state and local law enforcement and, in fact, I believe overall prosecutions of those kinds of cases are up 25 percent since we took office. And we have stronger partnerships between state and federal law enforcement to make that happen. And prosecutions of the most serious offenses, those which carry a sentence of five years or longer, are up 30 percent since we took office.

And we're consistently battling with Congress to get more money for ATF to do enforcement, to do gun tracing. And some in the gun lobby have not been helpful to that effort over the years.

Q So you're saying the big lobbyists are the problem?

Q The President spent about three times as much time talking about the entertainment industry this afternoon as he did the gun industry. Does that reflect his view, his focus on how to deal with the problem -- looking more at the entertainment industry than to the weapons manufacturers?

MR. REED: No, I don't think so. I think that one of the reasons that we wanted to have people from all walks of life here is that we think that there's not a simple answer to this -- that it's important for parents to take more responsibility, for the entertainment industry to take more responsibility, for gun manufacturers to take more responsibility, for us in government to take more responsibility and pass legislation that will keep guns out of the hands of kids and criminals. So he spoke in the morning, he spoke in the afternoon, addressed all of those issues, and I think they're all important.

Q Bruce, did the Vice President single out any television network for particular criticism?

MR. REED: Yes. In fact, he praised ABC and CBS and most cable stations, cable networks, for participating in the ratings system, and chided NBC for not taking part in that effort.

Q Why aren't they?

MR. REED: NBC has refused to participate in the voluntary ratings system.

Q Why? Did they give a reason?

MR. REED: Well, let them speak for themselves. They don't want to.

Q What did the Vice President say?

Q -- exclusive interviews with the President. What is this? Mr. Brokaw, Ms. Couric, I mean --

MR. REED: The Vice President raised this issue with

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Mr. Brokaw the last time they had a town hall.

Q One on one, right?

Q What did he say today? I'm told it was heated.

MR. REED: Yes, I can check my notes to see exactly what the Vice President said. It was along those lines.

Q While you're looking, on Friday you were saying that this new foundation was supposed to work with the media and others to make sure that they're sending the right signals about youth violence. My question is, how do they do that?

MR. REED: Well, one of the models for this campaign is the teen pregnancy campaign, which has worked with the networks to make sure that they're sending the right signals in their programming, to tell them how to talk about teen pregnancy, to get them to run public service announcements, for example. So there's a lot that can be done. But it's not meant as a monitoring organization.

What the Vice President said was that CBS and ABC have stepped up to the plate. The cable networks and the satellite industry have as well. NBC has not.

Q Bruce, I want to make sure I understand. You mentioned the Case-Lowenstein agreement. Are we talking about video games that are purchased on line or that are played on line?

MR. REED: Played on line. And "Doom" came up a couple of times as one example of that.

Q Bruce, what was the format of this meeting? Did the President act as MC?

MR. REED: Yes. The President moderated the meeting. It was -- well, you saw, those of you who were in there saw how it was arranged. It was a square table like the NGA meetings. The President and First Lady at the head of the table, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore on east and west ends. And the President moderated the discussion. The First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore jumped in several times to contribute.

The President started by calling on the kids who all told powerful stories of their own experience. And then the discussion went on from there into talking about parents. There were experts there who talked about their view of what needs to be done; educators there who talked about other possible solutions. There were a lot of other ideas that came up. Several people talked about the need for smaller schools as a solution, as a way to find a sense of community. A lot of talk about making sure that we have tools for parents to deal with the forces that they're up against. There were some religious leaders there who talked about the importance of involving faith-based institutions in providing solutions.

Q Bruce, the Vice President talked, said that he thought the meeting was better because it wasn't televised or reported or transcribed. Were there any particular bouts of candor you would direct us to that you think were more susceptible to happening because it was not a press coverable event?

MR. REED: Well, I think that the kids set the tone.

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They were very honest about their experience. And there was, in fact, one young woman there from T.C. Williams -- Maria Montiel I believe is her name -- who told the story of a good friend of hers who has come to school on a number of occasions with slashed wrists, just as a way to get attention from her friends and from her parents because she doesn't get enough time with her parents. So I think that that kind of openness is easier in a closed meeting than on C-SPAN.

Q Don't you think schools are supposed to be the best place for kids to learn good things? So what is wrong with the schools and do you think the gun lobby and all these interests, do you think they are more powerful than the schools?

MR. REED: Well, I think that there are a lot of things that we need to do to arm kids and parents with ways to deal with the forces that they're up against. Several people talked about how they don't -- several of the kids talked about how they don't get enough time with their parents. One girl said that really what she needs is to be able to talk to her teachers, because she's at school seven hours a day and she sleeps a lot when she gets home and there just isn't that much time to be with a parent. So it's important to have other kids to talk to, but it's also important to have teachers who show interest in the kids' lives.

Q Was there any discussion of the gun legislation that's coming up in the Senate?

MR. REED: Not specifically the congressional debate. There was, as I said, we talked about five areas of common ground which are likely to be included in that legislation.

Q What about discussion about regulating Internet through high schools, and different schools around the country? And when should we be looking for regulation of on-line video games available to teenagers, and other kids?

MR. REED: I don't know how long it will take Doug Lowenstein and the Internet providers to close that loophole, on on-line ratings. I'm sure that they are eager to get going on it, because they have been criticized on the issue. And I don't believe there was any direct discussion of the topic of Internet regulation. But the President did ask the Vice President to explain how the parents' protection page works, and how important it will be for parents to be able to look back at what their kids have been watching on the Internet.

Q Is that going to be -- is that looking at being regulated, Internet access through schools? Is that going to be stricter regulated through --

MR. REED: We'll see.

Anything else?

Q Bruce, how long did it last?

MR. REED: It was about three hours. It started just before 11:00 a.m., ended about 2:00 p.m.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT,  
THE FIRST LADY,  
THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GORE  
AFTER WHITE HOUSE STRATEGY SESSION  
ON CHILDREN, VIOLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Rose Garden

2:06 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Please be seated, everyone. We're getting our group up here, you see. It's a little slow -- it's a large and, as you can see, diverse and distinguished group. We just had a wonderful meeting in the East Room of the White House. We had not only the Vice President and Tipper and Hillary and I, but many members of our administration and four members of Congress -- Senator Brownback and Senator Reid, and Leader Gephardt and Representative Jennifer Dunn were there.

And we listened to several hours of discussions; over 40 people spoke, many of them already heavily involved in the efforts to give our children a safe childhood and protect them from violence.

This was exactly the kind of session I had hoped for, where everyone was talking about the problems and the opportunities; everyone was talking about what could be done to accept responsibility. No one was pointing the finger of blame.

In the weeks and months ahead, as we launch our national campaign to prevent youth violence, we will build on the strong foundation of this day, and on many of the things which have been said and many of the people who have said them.

I want to say a special word of appreciation to the young people who are here today and who are working in their own communities to try to help their fellow students have a safe and wholesome life.

As the national campaign gets underway, we know we'll have to overcome the old ways of doing business. We've seen some of that today as well, in the remarkable support that gun manufacturers have given to many of our common-sense gun proposals. We see in the efforts of networks like ABC and CBS, and private family foundations like Kaiser, and agencies like the FCC, all of whom have supported the television rating systems, and giving parents the tool of the V-chip to protect children from excessively violent programming.

We know that there is more for each of us to do at home and at school, in Hollywood and in the heartland and here in Washington. Every parent, every teacher, every leader has something more to do.

First and most fundamentally, we must do more to help parents fulfill their most important responsibilities, those to their children: Challenging parents to turn off the television when they don't like what they see; to use the new tools the Vice President announced recently to keep an eye on the computer screen; to refuse to buy products that glorify violence. If no

one consumes these products, people will stop producing them. They will not build it if you don't come.

To the media and entertainment industries, I also say we need your wholehearted participation in this cause. There are many changes which have occurred over the last generation in our society. It is true that we've had a lot of breakdowns in families, schools and communities. It is true that we have had a rise in the availability of weapons. It is also true that there has been a coarsening of the culture in many ways. And those who influence it must be sensitive to that.

I mentioned today that not very long ago there was a fascinating story on the birth of Hollywood, the virtual creation of Hollywood by immigrants, on one of our cable channels. And the story really graphically demonstrated how these immigrants -- who came to the United States, faced initial discrimination, went to California to make a new life -- created an image of America, and an image of the American Dream and an image of American life in the movies that they made that had a very positive impact on the culture of America for decades.

We cannot pretend that there is no impact on our culture and our children that is adverse if there is too much violence coming out of what they see and experience. And so, we have to ask people who produce things to consider the consequences of them -- whether it's a violent movie, a CD, a video game. If they are made, they at least they should not be marketed to children.

Finally, I urge Congress to join in this campaign by passing the legislation necessary to keep guns out of the hands of children. As a group of gun manufacturers and sportsmen made clear today, these are common-sense measures that they support.

There are also other things that we can do that I hope we will do -- to provide more support for counseling services, for mental health services, for other things which will help to improve our efforts.

Again, let me say, I want to thank the Vice President and Tipper Gore for the work they have done on these issues for years. I want them to come forward and speak. But first, I want to ask the First Lady to speak -- and acknowledge that she has to go to a school as soon as she finishes talking here.

She had the idea for us to call this national conference and to try to organize a national grass-roots campaign. It was a good idea and it looks like a lot better idea after today's meeting. So I want to thank Hillary for everything she's done and ask her to come forward and say a few words. (Applause.)

MRS. CLINTON: Thank you, all. I think everyone who participated in the meeting this morning came away with the positive feeling that there isn't any problem that we face when it comes to our young people, that if we're honest enough to talk about it we can come up with ideas about how to address it, and we can better empower all parts of our society to be part of the solution.

To that end, the President mentioned that we want to have a national campaign to prevent youth violence. It's modeled on the national campaign against teenage pregnancy, the national campaign that was launched to convince employers to hire people coming off of welfare to go to work. It's in the greatest of American traditions of the kind of public-private partnership that is unique to our country.

And in the next weeks that campaign will be put

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together. It will be a not-for-profit, 501-C3 effort that will bring together many of the people around the table today in the East Room and many others. It will come forward, we hope, with very specific suggestions about what parents can do, what schools can do, what community groups can do, what the media can do, what gun manufacturers can do, what all of us can do.

You probably know that I really do think it takes a village; but my book had a subtitle, and that was, it takes a village to raise a child and other lessons children teach us. And the most important lesson I think all of us are learning, once again because of the tragedy in Littleton and the consequences that flow from that, are that we have to do a better job doing our most important job, and that is helping to raise our children and create a climate in our country that is good for children.

We have to battle a lot of attitudes and cynicism and skepticism and hopelessness and helplessness, and a sense by many people that the forces that are arrayed against families and children are just too big to try to deal with, and maybe the only thing we can do is just shut the doors of our own home and try to deal with what goes on there. But we have to do that as well.

So I'm very encouraged by the conversation that we had this morning, and I'm very excited about the prospects for this national campaign. And I hope that everyone, everyone in America, will realize that there's a role for each of us in trying to prevent youth violence. And more than that -- trying to reach out and listen to our children so that we can provide the kind of support that they need.

And someone who has known that and done it in her own life, and done it in our public life for many years, who has continually addressed the issue of mental health and particularly how it affects children -- someone who I admire greatly and who will be chairing the first ever White House Conference on Mental Health on June 7 -- and that is Tipper Gore. (Applause.)

MRS. GORE: Thank you very much, Mrs. Clinton. And to everyone that participated in the strategy session today, we want to thank you. We want to thank members of the media for being here, because certainly in some of the things that we heard we would like to ask the media to help get the word out to the parents, to all members of the community, that we are all part of a solution to helping better support our kids.

We heard loudly and clearly that every member of the community -- whether it was the entertainment industry, the gun industry, businesses giving more flexibility, time to their employees so that they could strengthen their families by spending more time with their children whenever that was necessary -- we really heard that children need to spend more time with adults. Children themselves, the kids involved in the strategy session said that they need to have more involvement from adults, parents, in their lives. And that's a call to action that we've got to answer.

Something else that we heard loudly and clearly is that, yes, while Littleton was symbolic for so many of us and such a tragedy and a wake-up call, that there have been little massacres going on in our society for years. And many people have been very, very concerned about that, and we continue to be. But we all come together now, around the table -- just as I hope all Americans will come around their tables, in their own homes, in their own neighborhoods, in their own communities, to say, how

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can we better support children?

One way we clearly can is by providing more counselors in schools, more access to mental health support and mental health help. When we hear children talk to us about other kids who are headed toward violence either against others or against themselves -- since suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers -- we have to have adults in place in all parts of the community that will listen, but especially in the schools.

So that is something that I wanted to mention, and that I would like to ask also for the media's help in our coverage of these issues very specifically, in the first-ever White House Conference on Mental Health, which will happen on June the 7th, with some 1,000 downlinks all around the country. And it will be at Howard University.

You can do a great deal to help us talk to kids, and tell children in America that we are willing and ready to listen to them, as well as -- I'd like to ask for people in the media, themselves, the programmers and others, if they will consider the effect they have in reporting the news on kids, the effect that they may have, and the way that they portray people with a mental illness in their programming. They can go a long way -- all of us can -- if we just join our hands and hearts together in a very positive way, and ask a central question: Is what we are doing good enough to help our kids mature into healthy adults? Because that's in the interest of all of us, for all Americans.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

And now I'd like to present someone who has even more to say on this subject, in particular, about giving parents tools to use in order to do their job more effectively, the Vice President, Al Gore. (Applause.)

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you, Tipper. And, Mr. President, I want to thank you and congratulate you and the First Lady for taking the initiative to pull this rather extraordinary strategy session together that we just had. I know that I speak for all of the men and women and children who participated in this session in saying it was quite a useful, even inspiring, certainly encouraging, session.

And just to try to briefly capture the spirit of it for those of you who were not there -- and, incidentally, I'm sure it would not have been as good if it was open to the press. (Laughter.) Even you, Sam. (Laughter.) But people who have had differing points of view on contentious issues for years and years spoke directly to one another about how they wanted to reconsider some of the assumptions they have held in the past, how they wanted to have an open mind about new approaches to solving problems that obviously have not been solved up until now. It was really an occasion for quite a bit of reconciliation.

So I want to thank you, Mr. President and the First Lady. I want to thank Tipper for being my inspiration and source of education on these issues for a long time now. Twenty-two years ago, she formed a citizens group on violence in the media, and as others have mentioned, the White House Conference on Mental Health Care is coming up.

I want to thank Leader Dick Gephardt, and Jennifer Dunn, Harry Reid and Sam Brownback, all of my colleagues in the Cabinet, and all of the leaders from the various sectors of

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industry and society, who were present here today.

One of the other very impressive things about this gathering was that it didn't just point fingers, and it didn't try to simplistically settle on one particular cause of a very complex problem. And I think it's a sign of maturation in our society that people from all different sectors could come together and really see this issue in all of its complexity.

Obviously, better parenting is the main and most important solution. But some of the participants raised new aspects of that that haven't been always talked about in connection with this issue. Let's look at the prevalence of domestic violence in our society, and realize that the painful real-life lessons that children learn from seeing domestic violence, as common as it is -- even if it's seldom reported to the extent that it occurs -- those lessons are far more powerful, in the impact on those children than the imagery they see in the media.

Obviously, all of the adults in this nation have to take more responsibility for becoming involved in the lives of all children. Dr. Maya Angelou talked about the epidemic of rage and cynicism that can only be cured if adults become more involved and more constructively involved with children.

We talked about the importance of early childhood education and after-school care -- both areas where communities can help parents by filling in the times of the day when it's so difficult for some families to do the job they need to do. Of course, we talked about the problems in schools, how some of them are too big, how we need smaller schools, or at least smaller schools within large schools; more teachers; more guidance counselors.

We talked about how to heal communities that foster a feeling of alienation and isolation, that hurts the ability to establish a sense of connectedness that is so important for children to learn. Of course, we talked about how to limit the availability of guns to children and to criminals and to those who are obviously unsuitable to have guns.

And we talked about the role of the media. And I want to commend ABC and CBS and most of the cable networks and satellite networks for participating in the V-chip system that is going to hold the promise of dramatically improving the ability of parents to protect their children against images they feel their children are not capable of handling.

We talked about the Internet. Steve Case and others described the new safeguards that are going into effect in just a couple of months, and video games. And a new breakthrough occurred right in the meeting with an agreement between the video game industry and the Internet industry to plug a loophole that now makes it possible for children to get unrated and violent video games over the Internet, where it's impossible for them to buy them in stores.

We talked about self-restraint and a movement starting within the entertainment industry to recognize that, obviously, since billions of dollars is spent on advertising because it affects behavior, the plague of ultra-violent images that are planted like seeds in the minds of children bear bitter fruit in some vulnerable children. Most can handle it; they've been given the strength to do so by their families and by their faith and by their communities. But it was so encouraging to hear the

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entertainment industry describe the steps already taken, others in prospect, and the movement within the industry.

And, of course, the need for more mental health services and early detection and an ability to intervene early because, as someone said, a 1st grade teacher can often tell you within a couple of weeks after the start of the school year that one or two children in her or his new class is going to be vulnerable to trouble if there's not intervention. But there are waiting lines and not enough services.

Finally, we talked about the faith dimension of this and the need to -- with all, of course, due respect and utmost observance of the principle of separating government from religion -- of making it easier to reconnect faith communities with some of the efforts that are now underway.

In closing, as the President mentioned, this is just the beginning of an important new partnership. And he mentioned -- excuse me -- the First Lady mentioned that this was modeled after the campaign against teen pregnancy. Secretary Shalala has played a big role in that one. And I had the privilege of announcing the success, the new figures that show success in that -- where, again, it was recognized there's not a single cause, there has to be a community-wide effort to address all of the factors that go into that. And it's succeeding.

So I'm encouraged. And, Mr. President, I want to thank you again for the kind of leadership that has made this possible. And I know that all of the people who joined us here would like to join with Tipper and me in thanking you for convening this session. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you.  
(Applause.)

Q -- forces? Is that good enough?

Q Mr. President, are you encouraged by word of a Serb withdrawal?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm encouraged by any good word, but I think that the conditions that we set out are the minimal ones to make this work. I don't think that the -- after all the Serbs -- after all the buildup, and the hundreds of thousands of Kosovars have been driven out, many, many killed, I don't think they'll come back with that. So I think we have to do better.

But any little daylight, any little progress is -- it's better than it was the day before. We just have to bear down and keep working, and we'll work through it.

But I think that forces have got to be withdrawn. There has to be an international security force there. Otherwise, they won't come home. And that's the important thing.

Thank you.

Q Mr. President, as a high-schooler, how can I reconcile these images we see on the news?

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OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN WHITE HOUSE STRATEGY MEETING ON  
CHILDREN, VIOLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The East Room

10:43 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Before I make my opening remarks, I would like to begin by saying a word about the tragic bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade. I have already expressed our apology and our condolences to President Jiang and to the Chinese people. And I have reaffirmed my commitment to strengthen our relationship with China.

But I think it's very important to remember that this was an isolated, tragic event, while the ethnic cleansing of Kosovo, which has led to the killing of thousands of people and the relocation of hundreds of thousands, is a deliberate and systematic crime. Until NATO's simple conditions are met, therefore, the military campaign will continue.

But again, I want to say to the Chinese people and to the leaders of China, I apologize; I regret this. But I think it is very important to draw a clear distinction between a tragic mistake and a deliberate act of ethnic cleansing. And the United States will continue to make that distinction.

Now, let me say, as I look around this room today, I want to say on behalf of the Vice President and Mrs. Gore, and Hillary and myself, first, we appreciate all of you coming. This is a very diverse and distinguished group of Americans. We have leaders of Congress from both parties here; leaders of the faith community; we have activists among parents and students, and educators and people in music, and people in the entertainment communities; people who represent the gun manufacturers of our country. This is a truly impressive and diverse array of Americans.

Obviously, we have asked you to come here to see what we can do together to give our children safer childhoods. The four of us, both individually and together, have worked on many of the matters that will be discussed here today for years. We have made particular efforts to give our children safe streets and safe schools.

But I think that we, and the members of the Cabinet and the administration who are here -- like all Americans -- were profoundly affected by the events in Littleton, Colorado, coming as they did after so many tragic incidents in our schools last year. And we were determined to see what we could do to bring the American people together, to get beyond the divisions that often attend many of the subjects here -- which is not to say that we shouldn't have a serious discussion today -- and to try to move forward on something really big that can make a difference.

Last Friday I announced, therefore, that we would

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launch a national campaign to prevent youth violence, a grass-roots effort that would involve all Americans, from every community and all walks of life. I expect the ideas and recommendations generated here today in our discussion to lay the groundwork, the common groundwork, for that campaign. We are not here to place blame, but to shoulder responsibility.

In the weeks to come, I will work with Congress to pass legislation that makes our schools and streets safer, and keeps guns out of the wrong hands, because that's part of our responsibility. And again I want to say how very much I appreciate the representatives of the gun manufacturers for being here today, and supporting some of the specific legislative proposals that have already been publicized.

Today, I'm also directing the Surgeon General to prepare the first report in more than a decade on youth violence and its causes. This report will infuse our efforts with new understanding and new urgency.

Let me just briefly say that, with representatives of the manufacturers of guns today, I want to say to the press and to the public that we have found common ground on some common sense measures -- banning violent juveniles from buying guns, raising the age for handgun ownership from 18 to 21, closing the gun show loophole, holding reckless parents responsible for giving children access to guns, reducing illegal gun trafficking by helping law enforcement trace weapons used in crimes. Again, I commend the gun manufacturers here today for taking that kind of responsibility. Others have agreed to do their part.

A few years ago, through the Vice President's leadership, we were able to put in place a voluntary rating system for television. Les Moonves, the head of CBS, and Bob Iger, the head of ABC, have led the way by putting their networks behind this effort. They are here today and they went to some considerable trouble to change their schedules to do so, and I appreciate their presence.

This year, half the new TV sets sold in America will contain the V-chip, which parents can use to protect their children from violent programming. Today, the FCC is announcing a V-chip task force to make sure that next year every new set contains the V-chip. And the Kaiser Family Foundation is announcing a massive new public education campaign to make sure parents know about it and know how to use it. Also, following this meeting, Kaiser and the Ad Council, also represented here, will produce a campaign of antiviolent ads called "Talking With Kids About Tough Issues."

Last week, the Vice President also announced a voluntary agreement by 95 percent of the Internet service providers to offer parents a new tool to assure that they are only one click away from the resources they need to protect their children. And I thank the representatives of the Internet for being here today.

Let me also say that we know that profoundly important efforts are being made in our schools and our communities in efforts to involve parents in increasing their capacity to prevent their children from drifting into violence, to engage the early warning signs, to get the necessary counseling and mental health services. I know that Mrs. Gore and Hillary have both been heavily involved in a lot of these issues for a long time.

And I want to say a special word of appreciation to the

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parents who are here, to the teachers who are here, and to the students who are here, because I believe that they may have more to say to us about what the rest of us should do than we can imagine.

So to all of you, thank you for coming. Let's leave here today resolved to be, all of us, a part of this national campaign, and I want us to have a good conversation about where we go from here.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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# CHILDREN, VIOLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

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## GIVING PARENTS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN

**Giving Families A New Tool -- A Content-Based Television Ratings System.** Striving to protect children from violence and adult content on television, the President and Vice President garnered a breakthrough agreement from the television industry to create a content-based voluntary ratings system. The new system went into effect October 1, 1997, giving parents the information they need to determine if TV shows are appropriate for viewing by their children and to identify which programs they may want to block from their homes through screening technology (the V-chip). The voluntary rating system includes age- and content-based ratings.

**Helping Parents Control What Comes Into Their Living Room with the V-Chip.** Four years ago, the President and the Vice President used the Family Policy Conference in Nashville to call for V-chip legislation -- to give parents new tools to help them screen out television programs that are not fit for their kids. Under strong leadership from the White House, the following year saw Congress enact the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which included V-chip legislation. Now, by January 2000, all new televisions are scheduled to include this screening technology.

**Hosting the White House Conference on Children's Television.** In July 1996, the President and Vice President convened the White House Conference on Children's Television to improve and expand educational television for children. Conference participants included parents, industry representatives, advocates, experts and advertisers. At the Conference, the television industry joined with the President and agreed to air more educational and instructional children's shows.

**Encouraging More Educational Television.** At the President's urging, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted clear and concrete rules to encourage the development and promotion of TV programming that would be both welcomed by parents and watched by children. The rules require three hours of regularly scheduled, half-hour weekly educational and instructional programming as a requirement for license renewal.

**Promoting a "Family Friendly" Internet.** The President and Vice President have worked to make cyberspace a safe place for children. The Administration has enlisted the assistance of numerous stakeholders, including industry leaders, teachers, parents, Internet users and librarians to work towards the creation of a "family friendly" Internet. The Administration's three part strategy includes: (1) industry commitments to provide blocking, filtering and labeling technology for use by parents and teachers using the 'Net; 2) effective enforcement of existing laws; and 3) increased parental awareness and involvement. This strategy is designed to give parents and teachers the tools they need to prevent children from getting access to inappropriate material on the Internet, and to guide them towards high-quality educational resources.

**Keeping Children Safe on the Internet with the Parents' Protection Page.** Recently, the Vice President announced the parents' protection page, an important new commitment by 15 of the country's premier Internet companies to give parents the resources they need to protect their children from inappropriate material on the Internet. The parents' protection page, which will be available for use by July 1999, will provide parents with the tools and knowledge to supervise and guide their children's online activities. In addition to giving parents blocking, filtering and monitoring tools, this page includes information for parents, teachers and children on how to report crime or other troubling activity online. The parents' protection page also can serve as a guide to finding the vast array of high quality educational materials online.

## PROMOTING SCHOOL SAFETY

**Creating a New Federal Response for Violent Deaths in Schools.** President Clinton has proposed \$12 million in his FY 2000 budget for School Emergency Response to Violence -- or Project SERV -- to help schools and local communities respond to school-related violent deaths, such as those that occurred last school year in Jonesboro, Arkansas; Paducah, Kentucky; Pearl, Mississippi; and Springfield, Oregon. Developed with input from local officials and educators in these and other communities, Project SERV will enable the Federal government to assist local communities in much the same way that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assists in response to natural disasters.

**Hiring School Resource Officers, Targeting Assistance to Schools with Serious Crime Problems.** To help give schools with crime problems the tools they need to put the security of our children first, at the White House Conference on School Safety, the President announced a new \$65 million initiative to hire up to 2,000 community police and School Resource Officers to work in schools -- and to train police, educators and other members of the community to help recognize the early warning signs of violence. The President recently announced the first installment of the initiative; this funding will allow an additional 600 School Resource Officers to serve in 336 communities across the country.

**Forging School-Based Partnerships Between Schools and Law Enforcement.** Under the School-Based Partnerships grant program, the Clinton Administration released \$16.4 million in grants to 155 law enforcement agencies in September 1998. The School-Based Partnerships grants will be used by policing agencies to work with schools and community-based organizations to address crime at and around schools. This initiative emphasizes using principles of community policing and problem-solving methods to address the causes of school-related crime. The grants will help forge or strengthen partnerships between local law enforcement and schools to focus on school crime, drug use and discipline problems.

**Launching a Community-Wide Response to School Safety and Youth Violence.** To help communities throughout the country promote a coordinated, comprehensive response to school safety, the President launched a new Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative designed to help 50 cities develop and implement community-wide school safety plans. In April 1999, the Departments of Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services announced that they will provide over \$180 million this year, and a total of \$380 million over three years through the Initiative for communities to fund comprehensive school safety plans that include anti-truancy initiatives, mentoring, mental health services, conflict resolution programs, school resource officers, and more -- helping to promote healthy development and to prevent youth violence before it occurs. Communities will have until June 1, 1999 to apply for the funds.

**Helping to Make All Schools Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free.** In 1994, President Clinton expanded the Drug-Free Schools Act into the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act, making violence prevention a key part of this program. Safe and Drug-Free Schools currently provides support for violence and drug prevention programs to 97 percent of the nation's school districts. At the White House Conference on School Safety, President Clinton announced his plan for a significant overhaul of this nearly \$600 million Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program. Under the President's proposal, schools will be required to adopt rigorous, comprehensive school safety plans that include: tough, but fair, discipline policies; safe passage to and from schools; effective drug and violence policies and programs; annual school safety and drug use report cards; links to after school programs; efforts to involve parents; and crisis management plans.

**Responding to the Early Warning Signs of Troubled Youth.** President Clinton directed the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General to develop a guide to help teachers and principals identify and respond to the early warning signs of troubled youth that can lead to school violence. In August 1998, the Departments of Justice and Education released *Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools*. This guide provides schools and communities with information on how to identify the early warning signs and take action

steps to prevent and respond to school violence. More than 200,000 copies of the guide have been distributed, and additional copies may be obtained through the websites of the Departments of Education and Justice.

**Providing Safe After-School Opportunities for More than a Million Children a Year.** Last year (FY98), the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program was expanded to \$200 million. This funding is already supporting hundreds of school-based after-school programs in rural and urban schools in 44 states and the District of Columbia, including weekend and summer programs. This year, the President proposed to triple this initiative -- to \$600 million -- to provide safe and educational after-school opportunities for up to 1.1 million school-age children in communities across the country. In addition, the Education Department released a report in June 1998, titled *Safe and Smart: Making the After-School Hours Work for Kid*. This report shows that after-school programs can lower juvenile crime and improve academic performance. *Safe and Smart* was sent to every school district in the country.

**Targeting Young People with a National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign.** In July 1998, President Clinton launched the national expansion of the Anti-Drug Media Campaign first proposed in the 1997 national drug control strategy. The 5-year, \$2 billion campaign (which includes private sector matching contributions) is designed to let teens know -- when they turn on the television, listen to the radio, or surf the 'Net -- that drugs are dangerous, wrong and can kill you.

## **KEEPING GUNS AWAY FROM YOUTH**

**Won Passage of the Brady Bill.** Since taking effect in 1994, the Brady Law has helped to prevent over a quarter of a million felons, fugitives, stalkers, and other prohibited purchasers from buying handguns. In November 1998, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) took effect under the Brady Law, allowing access to a fuller set of records that law enforcement officials can use to conduct checks of all prospective gun purchases -- not just for handguns. To date, NICS has conducted over 3.4 million background checks on gun purchasers, and the FBI has stopped over 36,000 illegal gun sales.

**Banned the Manufacture and Importation of 19 of the Deadliest Assault Weapons.** The 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act banned 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies, while specifically protecting more than 50 legitimate sporting weapons. Cop-killing assault weapons, like the Uzi, are the weapons of choice for drug dealers and gangs -- not hunters and sportsmen. A recent Justice Department study found that the 1994 assault weapon ban contributed to a decrease in criminal use of the banned guns and a reduction in the overall gun murder rate.

**Cracking Down on Illegal Gun Trafficking with the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative.** In 1996, President Clinton launched the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) in 17 cities to help trace crime guns to their source, as well as identify and arrest the adults who traffic firearms to children. Over the past two years, the President has expanded the YCGII initiative to 37 cities ATF agents have conducted more than 200,000 crime gun traces for local law enforcement. Last year alone, ATF initiated over 300 investigations in these cities, which involved over 3,300 illegally trafficked firearms. Additionally, over the last two years the President has proposed hiring more than 280 new Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) agents and more than 40 new Federal prosecutors to arrest gun traffickers and violent criminals, and crack down on illegal gun sales.

**Requiring Child Safety Locks for Handguns.** Child safety locks and other safety devices can reduce the unauthorized use of handguns, by a child at play or a teen looking to commit a crime. Many youth have to look no further than their own home to get their hands on a gun: an estimated one-third of all privately-owned handguns are left both loaded and unlocked. In March 1997, the President signed a directive

to every Federal agency, requiring child safety locking devices with all handguns issued to Federal law enforcement officers. And, in an historic agreement, eight major gun manufacturers followed the President's lead and have voluntarily agreed to provide child safety locking devices with all their handguns.

**Signed into Law the Youth Handgun Safety Act.** In 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Youth Handgun Safety Act, which generally banned the possession of handguns or handgun ammunition by juveniles under the age of 18, and made it a Federal offense for adults to transfer handguns to juveniles, with limited exceptions. In 1997, the President directed the Treasury Department to require that signs be posted on the premises of Federal firearms licensees and that written notification be issued with each handgun sold to non-licensees to help ensure compliance with the Youth Handgun Safety Act.

**Enforcing Zero Tolerance for Guns and Other Weapons in Schools.** In October 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Gun-Free Schools Act, requiring school districts to expel students who bring guns to school. The President issued a Presidential Directive later that month to enforce the "zero tolerance" policy for guns in schools, consistent with the Gun-Free Schools Act. In school year 1996-97, the U.S. Department of Education estimates that, under zero tolerance policies, 6,093 students were expelled from public schools for bringing a firearm to school.

**Introduced the Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act.** The President recently announced new legislation to strengthen the Brady Law and the assault weapons ban, restrict access to guns by our youth and crack down on illegal gun traffickers. The President's proposed bill will: (1) raise the age of the youth handgun ban from 18 to 21 years of age; (2) ban youth possession of semi-automatic assault rifles; (3) prohibit violent juveniles from ever owning guns; (4) require child safety locking devices for guns; (5) reduce illegal gun running by limiting the purchase of handguns to no more than one per month; (6) halt the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines; (7) require Brady background checks for the purchase of explosives and at gun shows; and (8) help law enforcement trace more crime guns to their source.

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**PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GORE  
HOST STRATEGY SESSION ON  
CHILDREN, VIOLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY  
Monday, May 10, 1999**

Today, the President led a strategy meeting to discuss the problem of youth violence and develop a strategy for a national campaign to address this problem. The meeting included a broad cross-section of Americans including parents and children, teachers and religious leaders, law enforcement and government officials, gun manufacturers and sportsmen, and representatives of the entertainment industry. The President announced several initiatives to address the problem of youth violence including a Surgeon General's Report on Youth Violence, gun industry support for gun legislation in five important areas, and public and private commitments to ensure the effective implementation of the V-Chip.

**SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON YOUTH VIOLENCE**

Today, the President announced that he is asking the nation's Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, to prepare a landmark report on youth violence -- the first such study on this subject in more than a decade. This report will bring together leading experts to review and evaluate existing research, and build on the findings of the 1972 Surgeon General Report on Television and Violence, as well as the 1985 Surgeon General's Workshop on Violence. Much is already known about how to reduce and prevent youth violence, but this report will add to the nation's understanding in this field. It also will address media that have emerged since previous reports, such as the Internet and video games.

**GUN INDUSTRY SHOWS SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION IN FIVE KEY AREAS**

Today, leaders in the firearms industry announced their support for working out legislation in five areas. Specifically, the American Shooting Sports Council (ASSC), the gun industry's trade association in Washington, which represents 350 firearms manufacturers and distributors around the country, released a statement supporting legislation in five areas:

- **Closing the gun show loophole on Brady background checks.** The Treasury Department estimates that 25-50 percent of the sellers at gun shows are unlicensed and sell guns without the benefit of a background check. As a result, gun shows can provide a forum for illegal firearms sales and gun trafficking. The President has proposed background checks, based on the existing Brady law, for firearms transferred at gun shows.
- **Extending the Brady Law to violent juveniles.** Although violent youth convicted in adult courts are barred from owning firearms as adults, the same is not true for youth convicted of serious violent crimes in juvenile court. The President has proposed permanently banning all violent juveniles from buying guns -- so that they cannot purchase a gun on their 21st birthday.
- **Raising the age of the youth handgun ban to 21 years of age.** Federal law generally bans the possession of handguns by juveniles under the age of 18, and prohibits federal

gun dealers from selling firearms to anyone under 21 years of age. However, it is perfectly legal for 18-20 year-olds to possess handguns or to buy them from unlicensed sellers -- even though law enforcement trace more crime guns to 18 and 19 year-olds than all other age groups. The President has proposed raising the legal age of handgun ownership from 18 to 21 years, while maintaining current exemptions for employment, hunting, target shooting, ranching and military service.

- **Holding adults responsible for child access to guns.** Child Access Prevention (CAP) laws promote gun safety and responsibility by holding adults responsible if they allow children easy access to firearms and ammunition. The President has proposed imposing felony penalties on adults who knowingly or recklessly allow a child to have access to a gun that is later used to cause death or injury.
- **Helping law enforcement to trace more firearms used in crimes.** Over the past 2 years, the President has expanded comprehensive crime gun tracing to 37 cities -- helping them to trace all crime guns to their source, to identify illegal gun markets, and to crack down on gun traffickers. Last year, ATF initiated over 300 investigations in these cities, which involved over 3,300 illegally trafficked firearms. The President has proposed expanding comprehensive tracing nationwide, starting by doubling the program to 75 cities.

#### **MAKING THE V-CHIP WORK**

The V-Chip is a device that allows parents to block television programming they consider inappropriate for their children. President Clinton and Vice President Gore led the successful fight for legislation that requires the V-Chip be installed in all new television sets sold beginning January 1, 2000. At today's strategy session the President announced two new initiatives to make sure the V-Chip becomes a useful tool for parents.

- **V-Chip Task Force.** To ensure that the V-Chip law is implemented effectively, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will establish a V-Chip Task Force. The Task Force will: (1) ensure the V-Chip requirement is enforced promptly and comprehensively; (2) promote parental awareness about the V-Chip and work closely with organizations sharing this goal; (3) encourage adoption of a standard label identifying television sets that contain the V-Chip and; (4) study the use of the V-Chip and evaluate the effectiveness of the industry's ratings system. FCC Chairman William Kennard has appointed Commissioner Gloria Tristani to chair the Task Force.
- **The V-Chip Survey and Education Project.** According to a survey released today by the Kaiser Foundation, while many parents (77%) say they want to use the V-Chip, less than four out of ten parents (39%) has ever seen information on how the system works. The Kaiser Foundation and the Center for Media Education announced today a major national effort to educate parents about the V-Chip TV ratings system. The educational campaign will include free booklets for parents on how the V-chip TV ratings system works. The free parent information will be available through a toll-free telephone number and will be promoted through partnerships with TV manufacturers, retailers, parents' organizations, newspapers, and television stations.

## **A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT YOUTH VIOLENCE**

Recognizing that youth violence is a problem that government cannot solve alone, the President, the First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore called for a national campaign to reduce youth violence. This campaign will work with all sectors of our society – the media, education groups, parents, religious leaders, and young people – to focus on this problem, find what's working, spread it to new communities, while also helping to ensure that the media sends the right message to our children.

This campaign is modeled after two extremely successful efforts launched by the Clinton Administration. Four years ago, the President asked for a national campaign to reduce teen pregnancy. Today, under the leadership of Governor Tom Kean, former governor of New Jersey, and now the President of Drew University, that campaign is playing an important role in reducing teen pregnancy rates nationwide. Two years ago, the President called for a national effort by businesses to hire people off welfare, to make sure the welfare reform effort would work. Today, under the leadership of Eli Segal, the Welfare to Work Partnership has grown to 10,000 companies that have helped move more than 40,000 people from the welfare rolls to the job rolls.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1999

**MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA**

**FROM:** Bruce Reed  
Richard Socarides

**RE:** Outreach Meeting with Entertainment Industry Washington Representatives and Trade Association Presidents for Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility

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You are meeting with the entertainment industry Washington representatives and trade association presidents in connection with our upcoming Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility, scheduled for Monday.

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. assure those representing the industry that Monday's session is not an attempt to blame them or the problem;
2. seek the participation of their senior executives in the Monday's session (note that the trade association presidents have already been invited to participate individually and have all accepted);
3. generate ideas on how they might contribute to solutions and identify "deliverables" which might be announced on Monday. (For example, the Kaiser Foundation is already engaged in discussions with the television networks on expanding prime time PSA's on youth violence.)

Participants: See attached list.

Talking Points: Attached.

Other Attachments: List of invited participants for Monday.

## Entertainment Industry Outreach Meeting

### Participants:

#### **Jack Valenti**

Title: President  
Organization: Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA)  
Phone: 202-293-1966

#### **Hilary Rosen**

Title: President  
Organization: Record Industry Association of America (RIAA)  
Phone: 202-857-9651

#### **Edward Fritts**

Title: President  
Organization: National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)  
Phone: 202-429-5300

#### **Decker Anstrom**

Title: President  
Organization: National Cable and Television Association (NCTA)  
Phone: 202-775-3550

#### **John Orlando**

Title:  
Organization: CBS Corporation  
Phone: 202-457-4500

#### **Timothy A. Boggs**

Title: Washington Representative  
Organization: Time Warner  
Phone: 202-457-8582

#### **Matt Gerson**

Title: Washington Representative  
Organization: Seagrams / (Universal MCA)  
Phone: 202-898-6406

**Michael Berman**

Organization: The Duberstein Group  
Phone: 202-728-1100

**Donald Baer**

Title: Senior Vice President, Public Policy & Communications  
Organization: Discovery Communications Incorporated  
Phone: 301-771-5849

**Robert Okun**

Title: Washington Representative  
Organization: NBC TV  
Phone: 202-637-4531

**Jim Free**

Organization: Representative of Sony  
Phone: 202-626-6140

**Unconfirmed:****Peggy Benzel**

Title: Washington Representative  
Organization: New America/ Fox  
Phone: 202-824-6500

**George Vradenberg**

Organization: America On-Line  
Phone: 703-265-3999

**Talking Points for Meeting with Entertainment Industry Washington Representatives and Trade Association Presidents for Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility:**

- I appreciate your coming on such short notice.
- The President wanted me to talk with you about the meeting we're having at the White House next Monday on Children, Violence, and Responsibility.
- Here's what he wants to come out of the meeting: He thinks we ought to have a national campaign to reduce youth violence, in the same way that we have had campaigns to reduce drunk driving and teen pregnancy and increase seatbelt use. Those campaigns have been extraordinarily successful.
- I assure you, we are not interested in pointing fingers or playing the blame game.
- I think the right response to the tragedy in Colorado is for all of us to make whatever positive contributions we can think of to prevent this from happening again.
- So the President wants to give everybody a chance to put forward new ideas -- not just the entertainment industry, but gun manufacturers, educators, parents, and young people.
- The White House meeting will be a two and a half-hour, closed-door, brainstorming session to discuss new and creative ways for all of us to take responsibility -- by reducing youth exposure to gratuitous violence, increasing parental involvement and supervision, and decreasing youth access to guns.
- There will be approximately 40 participants. We hope to include a broad cross-section of representatives from the entertainment world, gun control advocates and gun manufacturers, online communications and video games, education advocates and others. In addition to the President, the Vice President, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Gore will also participate.
- I would like to use today's meeting to brainstorm ideas about what commitments the entertainment industry could put forward to help launch this effort.

**White House Strategy Session on  
Children, Violence, and Responsibility  
May 10, 1999**

**Proposed Participants**

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1. The President
2. The Vice President
3. The First Lady
4. Mrs. Gore
5. The Attorney General -- KB
6. The Secretary of Education --KB
7. Les Moonves, President, CBS Television ---JP  
(alternate: Bob Iger, CEO, ABC; Robert Wright, CEO, NBC)
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9. Steven Spielberg, Dreamworks -- MM
10. Steve Case, CEO, America On-Line
11. Doug Lowenstein, President, Interactive Digital Software Association -- DB
12. Jack Valenti, President, MPAA
13. Hilary Rosen, President, RIAA
14. Edward Fritts, President, NAB
15. Decker Anstrom, President, NCTA
16. Roxanne Spillett, President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America --
17. Sandra Feldman, President, AFT --MBC
18. Bob Chase, President, NEA
19. Ginny Markill, President-Elect of the Parents-Teacher Association
20. Pam Eakes, Mothers Against Violence --NT
21. Youth -TBD --KK
22. Youth -TBD --KK
23. Dr. Prema Mathai-Davis, CEO, YWCA of USA --OPL
24. Abraham Foxman, National Director, ADL --OPL  
(alternate: Rev. Thomas McDade, Secretary of Education, US Catholic Conference)
25. Bob Ricker, President, American Shooting Sports Council --BR
26. L.E. (Ed) Schultz, President and CEO, Smith and Wesson --BR
27. Sarah Brady, Handgun Control, Inc. (HCI) --JC
28. Gil Gallegos- National President, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Deputy Chief Albuquerque Police Department or Ron Neubauer- National President, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and St. Peters, MO Chief of Police or Thomas Scotto- President, National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) --JC
29. Robert Pynoos, M.D.  
(alternate: Nancy Dickey, President, American Medical Association)
30. Research presentation --NT
31. Bill Cosby --MM
32. Eli Segal
33. Judge Alan Page --MM
34. Eugene Rivers --MM
35. Members of Congress -- Leadership or designee --JM
36. Members of Congress -- Leadership or designee --JM
37. Members of Congress -- Leadership or designee --JM
38. Members of Congress -- Leadership or designee --JM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed  
Richard Socarides

RE: Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility

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This memorandum will update you on our planning for the Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility, scheduled for Monday, May 10. We are also proposing that you personally make a few telephone calls today to line up key participants.

The purpose of the meeting is to lay the groundwork for a national campaign to reduce youth violence, in the same way that we have been able to reduce drunk driving and teen pregnancy and increase seatbelt use. The campaign will elicit and coordinate efforts from all sectors of society, including the entertainment industry, gun manufacturers and gun control advocates, educators, parents, and young people. The White House meeting on May 10 will be a two-hour, closed-door, brainstorming session to discuss new and creative ways for all of us to take responsibility -- by reducing youth exposure to gratuitous violence, increasing parental involvement and supervision, and decreasing youth access to guns.

While we may ultimately have to increase the size of the meeting, we are proposing initially that the group be 23 in number, including you, the Vice President, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Gore. The attached list of proposed participants includes a broad cross-section of representatives from the entertainment world, gun advocates and manufacturers, online communications and video games, education advocates and others. We would appreciate your authorization to extend invitations in accordance with the attached list.

Finally, we are enclosing call sheets and talking points so that you may extend invitations to a few key leaders who will take part only if they hear about it from you.

**White House Strategy Session on  
Children, Violence, and Responsibility  
May 10, 1999**

**Proposed Participants**

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3. The First Lady
4. Mrs. Gore
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15. Abraham Foxman, National Director, ADL  
(alternate: Rev. Thomas McDade, Secretary of Education, US Catholic Conference)
16. Charlton Heston, President, National Rifle Association or Bob Ricker, President, American Shooting Sports Council (We are still not sure whether the NRA should be included.)
17. L.E. (Ed) Schultz, President and CEO, Smith and Wesson
18. Sarah Brady, Handgun Control, Inc. (HCI)
19. Robert Pynoos, M.D.  
(alternate: Nancy Dickey, President, American Medical Association)
20. Four Members of Congress -- Leadership or designee

**Talking Points for Outreach Calls:  
Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility**

- I wanted to talk with you about the meeting we're having at the White House next Monday on Children, Violence, and Responsibility.
- Here's what I want to come out of this meeting: I think we ought to have a national campaign to reduce youth violence, in the same way that we have had campaigns to reduce drunk driving and teen pregnancy and increase seatbelt use. Those campaigns have been extraordinarily successful.
- I'm not interested in pointing fingers or playing the blame game. I think the right response to the tragedy in Colorado is for all of us to make whatever positive contributions we can think of to prevent this from happening again. So I want to give everybody a chance to put forward new ideas -- not just the entertainment industry, but gun manufacturers, educators, parents, and young people. The White House meeting will be a two-hour, closed-door, brainstorming session to discuss new and creative ways for all of us to take responsibility -- by reducing youth exposure to gratuitous violence, increasing parental involvement and supervision, and decreasing youth access to guns.
- Your participation and ongoing contributions would mean a great deal to the success of this effort.
- What do you think we should do about this tragedy?

**RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL**

**TO:** Edgar Bronfman Jr., Chairman, Universal/MCA

**DATE:** ASAP

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Minyon Moore

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the call is to extend a personal invitation to Mr. Bronfman to attend the White House Strategy Session on Children, Violence, and Responsibility on May 10.

**BACKGROUND:** As a follow-up to several strategy meetings, we thought it would be important for you to reach out to several key entertainment executives to share your vision of the strategy session and to personally invite them to attend. You may also use this opportunity to ask for their thoughts on the goals of the meeting.

In order to achieve some of your desired goals, it is important for you to have at least two or three top entertainment executives in attendance.

As you have publicly stated, this meeting is not an opportunity to blame any one source. Instead, the purpose of this meeting is to lay the groundwork for a national campaign to reduce youth violence, in the same way that we have been able to reduce drunk driving and teen pregnancy and increase seatbelt use. The campaign will elicit and coordinate efforts from all sectors of society, including the entertainment industry, gun manufacturers and gun control advocates, educators, parents, and young people.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (818) 777-7784

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** May 3, 1999

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- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

**RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL**

**TO:** Steven Spielberg, Dreamworks

**DATE:** ASAP

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Minyon Moore

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the call is to extend a personal invitation to Mr. Spielberg to attend the White House Strategy Session on Children, Violence, and Responsibility on May 10.

**BACKGROUND:** As a follow-up to several strategy meetings, we thought it would be important for you to reach out to several key entertainment executives to share your vision of the strategy session and to personally invite them to attend. You may also use this opportunity to ask for their thoughts on the goals of the meeting.

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**TALKING POINTS:** Please see the attached suggested talking points.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** May 3, 1999

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**RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL**

**TO:** Les Moonves, CEO of CBS Television

**DATE:** ASAP

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Minyon Moore

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the call is to extend a personal invitation to Mr. Moonves to attend the White House Strategy Session on Children, Violence, and Responsibility on May 10.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (323) 575-2600

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1. **The President**
2. **The Vice President**
3. **The First Lady**
4. **Mrs. Gore**
  
5. **The Attorney General**  
\*Kris Balderston has already invited her
  
6. **The Secretary of Education**  
\*Kris Balderston has already invited him
  
7. **The Secretary of Health and Human Services**  
\*Kris Balderston has invited her
  
8. **William Kennard, FCC**  
\*Kris Balderston has invited him (clearance info: 1/19/57)
  
9. **General Barry McCaffrey –(T) HOLD**
10. **Television Slot: Les Moonves, President, CBS Television or Bob Iger, CEO, ABC or Larry Jacobson, Fox**
11. **Motion Picture Slot or Theater Owners Slot**
12. **Robert Redford (Klain) or Kevin Spacey or Andrew Shue or Tom Hanks**
13. **Gary Ross or Screen-writer**
  
14. **Steve Case, CEO, America On-Line**  
Phone: 703-448-8700  
White House contact: David Beier
  
15. **Doug Lowenstein, President, Interactive Digital Software Association**  
Phone: 202-833-4372  
White House contact: David Beier
  
16. **Jack Valenti, President, MPAA**  
Phone: 202-293-1966  
White House contact: Richard Socarides
  
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Phone: 202-489-5300  
White House contact: Richard Socarides
19. **Decker Anstrom, President, NCTA**  
Phone: 202-775-3550  
White House contact: Richard Socarides
20. **Roxanne Spillett, President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America**  
Phone: 404-815-5711/ 202-289-5773  
White House contact: Victoria Lynch
21. **Sandra Feldman, President, AFT**  
Phone: 202-879-4440  
White House contact: Victoria Lynch
22. **Bob Chase, President, NEA**  
Phone: 202-822-7140  
White House contact: Victoria Lynch
23. **Ginny Markill, President-Elect of the Parents-Teacher Association**  
Phone: 503-658-2896, 503-381-6166 (home)  
White House contact: Victoria Lynch
24. **Pam Eakes, Mothers Against Violence**  
Phone: 425-254-8873/ cell: 206-679-5095  
White House contact: Neera Tanden
25. **Eric Heydenberk, Strayer Middle School**  
Phone: 215-538-2682  
White House Contact: Karin Kullman
26. **Simonna Woodson, Arsenal Tech High School**  
Phone: 317-924-2189  
White House Contact: Karin Kullman
27. Youth Leader TBD *Filipino City Year*
28. Youth Leader TBD
29. TC Williams, peer mediator
30. **Dr. Prema Mathai-Davis, CEO, YWCA of USA**  
Phone: 212-273-7800  
White House contact: Maureen Shea

- 31. Abraham Foxman, National Director, ADL**  
Phone: 212-885-7707  
White House contact: Maureen Shea
- 32. Rev. Msgr. Thomas McDade, Secretary of Education, US Catholic Conference**  
Phone: 202-541-3130  
White House contact: Maureen Shea
- 33. Reverend Eugene Rivers**  
Phone: 617-282-6704  
White House contact: Minyon Moore
- 34. Robert Ricker, Executive Director, American Shooting Sports Council**  
Phone: 202-544-1610  
White House contact: Bruce Reed
- 35. Robert Delfay, President and CEO, National Shooting Sports Foundation**  
Phone: 203-426-1320  
White House contact: Bruce Reed
- 36. L.E. (Ed) Schultz, President and CEO, Smith and Wesson**  
Phone: 413-747-3643 (o); 615-373-1145 (h)  
White House contact: Bruce Reed
- 37. Paul Jannuzzo, VP & general counsel, Glock USA**  
Phone: 770-432-1202 ext. 778  
White House contact: Bruce Reed
- 38. Sarah Brady, Handgun Control, Inc. (HCI)**  
Phone: 202-289-5773 (wants to bring a travel aide, will not be the room)  
White House contact: Jose Cerda
- 39. Bill Brewster, Former Rep.**  
Phone: 737-0100  
Contact: Bruce Reed
- 40. Steve Boyd, National Vice-President, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)**  
Phone: Contact: Jim Pasco- 547-8139  
White House contact: Jose Cerda
- 41. Carl Bell, M.D.**  
Phone: 773-734-4033 ext. 204  
White House contact:

42. Robert Pynoos, M.D.  
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White House contact: Neera Tanden
43. James Garbarino, PhD.  
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White House contact: Neera Tanden
44. Nancy Dickey, President, American Medical Association  
Phone: 312-543-7943 - cell phone  
White House contact: Barbara Woolley
42. Dr. Maya Angelou  
Phone: (336) 724-1005  
White House contact: Minyon Moore
45. Oprah Winfrey
46. Eli Segal  
Phone: 202-955-3005, extension 307  
White House contact: Bruce Reed
47. Judge Alan Page  
Phone: 651-296-6615  
White House contact: Minyon Moore
48. Mayor Sharon Sales Belton  
Phone: 612-673-2100 (Scheduler Andrea Kajer 612-673-2043)  
White House Contact: Mona Mohib
49. Ken Salazar, Colorado, Attorney General  
Phone: 303-866-3557  
White House contact: Mickey Ibarra
50. Judy McGrath, President, MTV
51. Gloria Estefan  
Phone: Contact: Hilary Rosen-202-775-0101  
White House Contact: Richard Socarides
52. Drew Altman, President and CEO, Kaiser Foundation  
Phone: 650-854-9400  
White House contact: Richard Socarides
53. Governor Tom Kean or Susan Baker

- 54. Senator Sam Brownback, R-KS**  
**\*Janet Murguia has invited him**
- 55. Senator Harry Reed, D-NV**  
**\*Janet Murguia has will invited him**
- 56. Representative Richard Gephardt, D-MO**  
**\*Janet Murguia has invited him**
- 57. Representative Jennifer Dunn, R-WA.**  
**\*Janet Murguia has invited her**

Fox?

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*✓ Bob DELFRAY, CEO,  
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*Mayor Penelas?*

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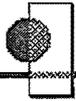
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cc: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP, Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP, Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP  
Subject: Invites -- Take II

Justin:

Our **corrected**, suggested invites (I forgot one of our most important invites!):

1. Gil Gallegos  
National President  
Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)  
and Deputy Chief Albuquerque Police Department  
5900 Jefferson NE, Suite F  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
(505) 344-3159

To invite contact: Jim Pasco at the FOP, (202) 547-8189

2. Ron Neubauer  
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International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)  
and St. Peters, MO Chief of Police  
St. Peters Police Department  
P.O. Box 9  
St. Peters, MO 63376-0009  
(314) 278-2222

To invite contact: Dan Rosenblatt at the IACP (703) 836-6767, ext. 201

3. Charlton Heston  
President  
National Rifle Association  
2859 Coldwater Canyon Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

To invite contact: Wayne Lapierre at the NRA (703) 267-1000

4. Tom Deeb  
President  
Hi-Point Firearms (manufacturer of the 9mm carbine rifle used in Littleton shooting)  
MKS Supply, Inc.  
5990 Philadelphia Drive  
Dayton, OH 45415  
(937) 275-4991

5. **Sarah Brady**  
**Handgun Control, Inc. (HCI)**  
**1225 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1100**  
**Washington, DC, 20005**  
**(202) 289-5773**

**To invite contact: Bob Walker at HCI (202) 289-5773**

NB: We have not reached out to the suggested gun manufacturer. However, he's featured in last week's Post as a gun manufacturer who's concerned about how his weapons are being used. I'll circulate the article to everyone. We may not, however, want to finalize the gun manufacturer attending until we've had a chance to speak to some more gun folks.

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## REVERSING THE CULTURE OF YOUTH VIOLENCE A DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE

The Youth Violence and Responsibility Working Group has been charged with developing a consensus position for the Democratic Caucus to reverse youth violence. The Working Group is to devise a short-term strategy for amending the Republican juvenile crime bill, as well as a longer-term strategy, which could include legislation as well as other activities to help communities effectively address these problems. Working Group staff proposes the following framework for talking about the Democratic approach to reversing youth violence.

### Long-term Framework

- Promoting the well-being of children and youth
- Helping parents with parenting
- Assisting teachers, schools and communities with violence prevention
- Equipping law enforcement with effective tools
- Working with the media for responsible programming

### Short-term Framework

- Helping kids and families
- Equipping teachers and counselors
- Providing tools for law enforcement

\* Clearinghouse  
\* Anonymous hotline



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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message  
cc:  
Subject: MSNBC story update

An MSNBC producer for both their on-line and TV shows has informed me that they are following a story which indicates that several Montgomery county students are planning "acts of violence" on May 10 which "may be in response to the President's conference on school violence."

He did not have much information beyond this and will get back to me as soon as he knows more. I will also let you all know as soon as I know more.

This may only be rumor and little more than alot of hype, but I thought you would want to know.

thanks,

mark kitchens

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- Jennifer M. Palmieri/WHO/EOP
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4/27

Mickey Ibarra  
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Barry Toin  
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A copy of the Colorado Gov's  
Exec Order naming Fred  
Liaisons.

Mickey ~~to~~ are we supposed  
to formally name Liaisons?

(I noticed that they included  
DOL too. why?)

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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALEX PENELAS  
MAYOR

April 26, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Mr. President:

On Friday, April 23, I learned that Intratec, a firearms company based in my home county of Miami-Dade, manufactured one of the weapons used in the senseless school tragedy in Littleton, Colorado. As residents of Miami-Dade we all grieved with every other American at the loss of life and childhood innocence at Columbine High School.

Without a doubt, this news was devastating, but not entirely unexpected. As you may know, Intratec manufactured the notorious TEC-9 and other weapons used in countless tragedies across America.

Residents of my community have demanded for years that action be taken against this company which favors corporate profits over public safety. Intratec openly skirts federal and state law in order to manufacture weapons that lead to death and destruction.

Miami-Dade Countians have also called for commonsense gun laws to keep guns out of the hands of our children, criminals and the mentally disturbed. Unfortunately, because of state preemption, I am powerless to take legislative action at the local level. Over the past two years I have also learned that Florida's weak gun laws are controlled by a majority of legislators who are beholden to the powerful gun lobby.

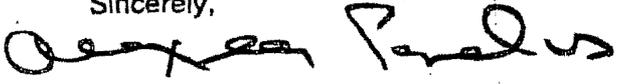
That is why last year, we took our cause directly to the people through a constitutional revision to allow counties to close the notorious Gun Show Loophole. As expected, an overwhelming majority of Floridians (72%) voted to close this deadly loophole. In Miami-Dade, 85% supported its passage.

Calls from constituents and my frustration in our state capitol also led me to file a lawsuit this past January against the gun industry, to compel them to make childproof guns and change their negligent marketing and distribution practices. Miami-Dade's lawsuit is the subject of state preemption legislation scheduled for action this week. HB 937 and SB 1586 are designed to provide immunity to the gun industry from public lawsuits as well as private legal actions. Sadly, despite last week's tragedy, the gun lobby continues to callously push its undemocratic proposals which trample on people's right to access the courts in the name of defending the Second Amendment.

The easy accessibility of firearms to our children is a national tragedy that must be addressed through comprehensive legislation. I commend you for announcing your intentions to pursue federal legislation designed to keep guns out of the hands of our children. It is my sincere hope that positive change will result from this senseless and preventable tragedy. Perhaps once and for all, public outrage over the easy accessibility of firearms will drown out the rhetoric of the gun lobby and lead our state and federal legislators to put the public interest ahead of the special interests of the gun industry.

Be assured, I stand ready to assist you in your efforts. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



Alex Penelas  
Mayor

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**TO: Bruce Reed  
Elena Kagan  
Jose Cerda**

**FROM: Maria Soto, IGA, 2FL WW**

**Mickey asked that I share the attached letter with you.**

**Thank you!**

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Bill Owens  
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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### Governor's Task Force on Victims' Support for the Columbine High School Tragedy

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Task Force on Victims' Support for the Columbine High School Tragedy ("the Task Force").

#### 1. Background & Need.

Yesterday's violent rampage at Columbine High School in Jefferson County will stand as one of the darkest in Colorado history. At this time of statewide grief and mourning, the thoughts and prayers of all Coloradans go out to the victims of that tragedy. Providing effective assistance for those victims - including Columbine students, teachers, and administrators, as well as their friends and families - must continue to be a Statewide priority.

In the short term, it is imperative that the victims of the Columbine High School tragedy receive the immediate counseling, financial assistance and other support they need to help cope with the tragedy. Looking forward, State Government must make every effort to help secure long-term victims' services and compensation from both public and private sources. Securing such assistance and compensation demands effective coordination within Colorado State Government; between State officials and their counterparts at the federal and local level; and between Government and the private and non-profit sectors.

By signing this Executive Order, I am creating the Governor's Task Force on Victims' Support. The role of this Task Force is to ensure that Government, private companies and institutions, and non-profit organizations work together effectively and expeditiously to secure assistance and compensation to the victims of the Columbine High School tragedy.

#### 2. Mission and Scope

The mission of the Task Force is:

- A. To strengthen coordination among the principal departments of State government in assessing the needs of victims of the Columbine High School tragedy.
- B. To coordinate efforts between State officials and their counterparts from federal, county and local government to assess victims' needs, and to secure appropriate assistance and compensation for those victims from public and private resources.

- C. To undertake such other responsibilities and duties as the Governor may from time to time determine.

3. Membership:

Initial members of the Task Force shall include:

- The Executive Directors of the Colorado Departments of Public Safety, Public Health and Environment and Local Affairs.
- A member of the Governor's Senior Staff.
- The Attorney General of Colorado.
- The District Attorney for the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.
- The Jefferson County Sheriff.
- The Superintendent of the Jefferson County R-1 School Board.
- The Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.
- A representative from each of the following Federal departments: Justice, Health and Human Services, Labor, Education and Housing and Urban Development.
- Not more than five members of private or non-profit companies or organizations.

The Governor shall appoint one member of the Task Force to serve as Chairman. All Task Force members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Task Force membership may be revised at any time as determined by the Governor.

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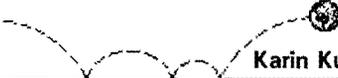
The Task Force shall sunset on April 20, 2002 unless otherwise extended or terminated by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1999.

*Bill Owens*

Bill Owens  
Governor





Karin Kullman

05/05/99 05:15:21 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Youth Update

I just wanted to get some feedback from you on the youth search.

1. What do you think of Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant? I have confirmed that he is 27 years old. Minyon and Jenaë Roscoe from OPL indicated that he would be a good voice for African-American youth. While he is just out of the 15-25 yr. old range, he is still young, and has taken on a huge leadership role for youth.
2. I checked into Eric's website stuff, and unfortunately his website is not yet running. Do you think it's worth talking to him about his community/why he decided to start this, even though we don't know yet how his website will do?



Bruce N. Reed  
05/07/99 11:56:47 PM

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Subject:

Gun Groups Back Sales Limits

By Sharon Walsh  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
Saturday, May 8, 1999; Page A1

Two powerful gun industry groups have agreed in previously undisclosed meetings with White House officials to support five of the Clinton administration's proposals on gun control – the first time the gunmakers themselves have lined up behind new limits on gun sales.

The two most significant areas of agreement are to raise the age at which a person can buy a handgun from 18 to 21 and to support parental responsibility laws, which would hold parents criminally responsible for allowing children access to guns.

Robert A. Ricker, executive director of the American Shooting Sports Council, and Robert Delfay, president of the National Shooting Sports Council, met at the White House on Tuesday with Bruce Reed, chief domestic policy adviser to the president, to discuss the legislative proposals.

The recent tragedy in Littleton, Colo., in which two teenagers used guns to kill classmates, a teacher and themselves, has propelled people on both sides of gun issues to seek solutions, Ricker said yesterday. "We're very serious about finding solutions to juvenile violence," he said.

Noticeably absent from the White House meeting was any representative of the National Rifle Association, the powerful lobbying group that represents gun owners and has recently worked in lockstep with the two industry groups, which are trade associations for gunmakers, distributors and retailers.

In the past year, gun manufacturers have faced new courtroom challenges from individuals and cities seeking to hold them liable for the costs of gun violence, exposing tensions in the once-monolithic gun community.

The NRA would not comment on the decision by the two trade associations to throw their support behind the White House gun-control proposals.

"We will announce a much broader package of proposals," said NRA spokesman Bill Powers, "one that is much more substantive and will have much greater impact on juvenile justice." Powers declined to elaborate on the NRA's proposals, except to say they will be announced Monday. The NRA, which scaled back its annual meeting in Denver after the Littleton shooting, has kept a low profile as pressure built in recent weeks for new initiatives to stem gun violence.

Monday also marks the beginning of debate in the Senate on several gun-control bills.

Although the specific language of the five proposals has not yet been discussed by the White House and industry groups, both the Clinton administration and gun-control advocates seemed buoyed by the industry's support for legislation.

"It is very encouraging that the gun industry is willing to consider common-sense methods of keeping guns out of the hands of kids and criminals," Reed said last night. "We had a very good discussion and hope that on Monday we'll go further."

"I have no idea [what the NRA thinks about the proposals]. We haven't talked to them."

– Robert A. Ricker, American Shooting Sports Council

On Monday, the White House will hold what it calls "a strategy session on children, violence and responsibility" that will include people from the entertainment, religious and political communities. Representatives of the gun industry, including Delfay and Ricker, will attend that meeting.

"This adds to the momentum for passage," said Bob Walker, president of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, who called the agreement on raising the minimum age for handgun purchase "very significant."

"There's no question that gun manufacturers are under incredible pressure from legislation, regulation and public sentiment – particularly since Littleton," Walker said.

In addition to the change in age to buy handguns and parental responsibility proposals, the two industry groups also will support what is being called the juvenile Brady proposal, which would bar juveniles who have been convicted of violent felonies from ever being able to buy a gun. Under current law, those convicted as juveniles can still buy guns after they turn 18.

In addition, the groups said they will support closing a loophole on background checks by requiring that those who sell guns at gun shows must make the checks. The groups also will agree to expand a federal program and require that all firearms recovered at crime scenes be traced.

The White House and the two associations couldn't reach agreement on three proposals, including requiring a three-day waiting period before selling a gun and limiting monthly gun sales to one per person.

The industry also still opposes mandatory safety locks for guns, an issue the White House believes can be resolved through further negotiations.

Neither the NRA nor the industry groups would comment on whether the NRA's absence from the meetings and the agreement signals a rift between the industry and the lobbying group for gun owners.

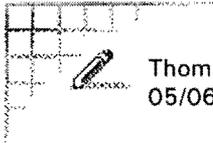
When asked what the NRA's thoughts on the legislative proposals were, Ricker replied: "I have no idea. We haven't talked to them."

The industry and the NRA have had some rocky times in the past, but appeared to have come together in recent months to stand up for the rights of gun owners in light of numerous lawsuits and public support to find ways to curb gun violence.

At a February meeting of the two trade associations and industry members at the Atlanta "Shot Show," where gunmakers show their wares, NRA President Charlton Heston was greeted with cheers when he said, "Your fight is our fight."

In another recent development, Richard Feldman, a lightning rod for disagreement between factions in the gun industry, was fired as head of the American Shooting Sports Council – a move that some thought would bring the industry and gun owners closer.

"This would appear to be a sign that the breach has opened up again," said Walker of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, who said he expects the NRA proposals to have more to do with enforcing penalties already on the books than preventative measures.



Thomas L. Freedman  
05/06/99 11:04:50 AM

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To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: FCC Announcements

I think you should seriously consider including Kennard in this meeting. On announcements, they've offered:

New. 1. Kennard could announce his V-Chip Task force which will oversee the implementation of the v-chip including working with industry to make sure it works, spreading information about it via the TV guide etc, and doing enforcement.

2. The POTUS might want to talk about good on-going projects like the 3 hour rule for kid's tv and whether that should be expanded to more channels.

3. Kennard has a one-stop shopping web page for filtering software that became public this week.



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PRESIDENT AND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 8, 1999

**TO: Mr. Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy**

**FROM: Robert Delfay, President and Chief Executive Officer** *RD*

**SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT MAY 10 STRATEGY SESSION**

The National Shooting Sports Foundation was looking forward to participating in the May 10 Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility and appreciated the opportunity to meet with White House representatives on Tuesday, May 4, for a preliminary discussion of our position on possible anti-violence legislative proposals.

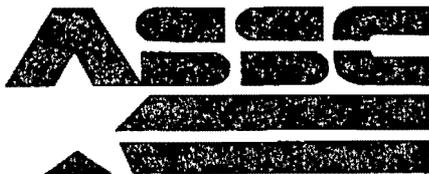
Following our May 4 meeting, we had been working intensely to communicate with our members and to develop, prior to May 10, positions and consensus on the various issues discussed. We were surprised and disappointed, therefore, to see the White House proceed with the introduction of its legislative proposals on May 7. So much for a new spirit of communication and cooperation.

We were disappointed, also, to learn that you had decided not to invite executives of the National Rifle Association to the May 10 meeting even though representatives of anti-gun advocacy groups had been invited.

And so, Bruce, we genuinely regret that, in view of the above, we have made the determination not to participate in the Monday, May 10 session. Maybe another time.

Thank you.

RTD:dp



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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Firearm Industry Trade Group Participates in White House Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility**

WASHINGTON (May 10, 1999) The firearm industry is moving forward in discussions with the Clinton Administration to seek agreement in five possible areas of new federal legislation addressing gun violence.

"We have always believed in working together to find real solutions to criminal and juvenile violence problems," said Robert A. Ricker, Executive Director of the American Shooting Sports Council, Inc. (ASSC). The association, which represents approximately 350 firearm and ammunition manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors, is the lobbying arm of the industry. "Our industry can bring crucial insight and offer practical, realistic, common sense solutions," Ricker added.

Discussions with the White House focus on five key issues. "Provided we can reach agreement with congress and the White House on the details" Ricker stated the industry is prepared to support federal legislation in the following areas:

1. Background checks at gun shows. The industry supports background checks at gun shows provided the confidentiality provisions of the Brady law remain intact and the administration intensify efforts to prosecute felons attempting to acquire firearms.
2. A lifetime ban on gun ownership for people who commit violent felony crimes as juveniles.
3. Raising the legal age of handgun possession from 18 to 21, while maintaining current exemptions for employment, hunting, target shooting, ranching and military service.
4. Mandatory penalties for adults who allow children access to guns.
5. Increased federal funding for BATF to expand existing gun tracing programs.

The ASSC was an early advocate of mandatory point of purchase instant background checks on retail firearm purchases. In 1997 the ASSC initiated discussions with

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Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell in an attempt to reach mutually agreeable solutions to gun-related violence. Later, in 1998, with the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the association outlined numerous proposals it was willing to consider.

Among the issues the trade group embraced were support for enhanced enforcement of existing gun laws as characterized by Richmond, Virginia's "Project Exile" and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) "Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative." The ASSC has long supported increased funding for the ATF, the federal agency that regulates the industry, and is currently advocating additional funding for the Bureau's firearm tracing programs. A number of firearm manufacturers and distributors have been working with ATF in developing a more efficient, computerized system for expediting gun tracing. Ricker stressed that "with some additional dollars, ATF could bring on-line all the major gun manufacturers".

The trade group has also supported a lifetime ban on firearm possession by anyone with a violent criminal record as a juvenile, the immediate reporting by licensed gun dealers to both federal and local law enforcement of multiple firearm purchases; and government grants to firearm manufacturers for research and development on personalized firearm technology.

Along with urging federal and local government involvement in firearm education and safety awareness programs, the association has also espoused the industry-wide adoption of an advertising code of conduct, and adherence to manufacturing standards developed by the American National Standards Institute.

It was the ASSC and eight firearm manufacturers that met with President Clinton in a White House Rose Garden ceremony in October 1997 to announce the companies' voluntary agreement to begin shipping child safety locking devices with their new handgun products beginning this year. From an original 15 companies making that announcement, there are now 35 major manufacturers that have joined in this effort. A number of companies, which produce long guns, as well as handguns, are expanding the program to include their rifles and shotguns, too.

"Of course, we want to look at specific legislative language before we sign off on any particular piece of legislation" Ricker stated. "We also hope the President will join in our call to Mayor Rendell to reopen talks with the industry".

look at what clues they may have left behind on  
to all that, plus Al's weather, we'll take these

Bruce  
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ANN CURRY, anchor:

Time to go outside now for a check on the weather

JOE WITTE, announcer: Today's weather is brought to you

AL ROKER reporting:

And good morning, everybody. We are--we're outside here to bring a little bit of lightness to the morning with Mr. Bill Cosby and the director of the Children's Museum here in New York, Andy Acerman. And we're here with some very special chairs. Andy, what are these chairs and what are they going to benefit?

Mr. ANDY ACERMAN: These chairs are made by celebrities, Bill Cosby, Susan Sarandon and the estate of John Lennon.

Mr. BILL COSBY: Now, I didn't make the chair.

ROKER: You decorated the chair.

Mr. COSBY: Yeah, I decorated it, Andy.

Mr. ACERMAN: He decorate--didn't build the chair.

Mr. COSBY: Please.

ROKER: Decorated the chair.

Mr. ACERMAN: We're going to auction these off...

ROKER: Mm-hmm.

Mr. ACERMAN: ...and it's going to be done live on Sunday at the Javits Center and online at ethanallen.com so people can bid on 14 chairs...

ROKER: Mm-hmm.

Mr. ACERMAN: ...to benefit the museum's outreach programs because, Al, we work intensively with kids...

ROKER: Right.

Mr. ACERMAN: ...all year long, getting them into college, working on basic skills, giving them hope about the things that they can see that they can do in the world.

ROKER: Now, is this your chair, Bill? Is this the one you designed?

Mr. COSBY: This is not my--this is a chair I designed.

ROKER: You designed.

Mr. COSBY: Please, don't have people sending me wood and material.

ROKER: You didn't know the chair?

Mr. COSBY: No. All I did was paint, I put my little blocks on there...

ROKER: Mm-hmm.

Mr. COSBY: ...and I drew all of this around. And hopefully when the kid sits on it it'll be dry and the parent can read to the kid and make the

kid feel comfortable in the chair.

ROKER: Now why did you pick--why did you pick this motif?

Mr. COSBY: Because that's all I know is C-O-S-B-Y. See, these are the only letters I know.

ROKER: Uh-huh.

Mr. COSBY: So far I'm maybe two years old. So I drew the B and Cs and the A. I did an A because that was the first one I learned.

ROKER: That's a good one to start with.

Mr. COSBY: 'A, leave me alone.'

ROKER: A.

Mr. COSBY: A.

ROKER: A, get off my back.

Mr. COSBY: Well, I couldn't spell back.

ROKER: That's right. So Andy, this starts Sunday when?

Mr. ACERMAN: Sunday at the Javits Center at noon.

ROKER: Uh-huh.

Mr. ACERMAN: And the chairs will be on view at the Children's Museum of Manhattan through the summer. So people can come take a look at them. There's chairs by Rosie, by Vera Wang, Michael J. Fox.

Mr. COSBY: And we've autographed the--the...

ROKER: And you've autographed it, too.

Mr. ACERMAN: We've autographed them.

Mr. COSBY: Yeah.

ROKER: That's right.

Mr. ACERMAN: They're one of a kind.

Mr. COSBY: Susan Sarandon.

ROKER: And of course you didn't--you didn't build the chair?

Mr. COSBY: No, I didn't.

ROKER: OK.

Mr. COSBY: And please don't send any more...

ROKER: OK.

Mr. COSBY: ...of these for me to do...

ROKER: All right.

Mr. COSBY: ...because this is all I can spell.

ROKER: It's a limited edition.

Mr. COSBY: I just spelled the C and the O and the S. And you could do one called weather.

ROKER: That's right. Little rain clouds.

Mr. COSBY: So you would go W, clouds--yours would be very...

ROKER: Yes.

Mr. COSBY: ...get him, too.

Mr. ACERMAN: We have to get him.

ROKER: I will do a chair, absolutely.

Mr. ACERMAN: You'll do a chair for next year?

ROKER: Ab--absolutely.

Mr. COSBY: A chair.

ROKER: Sign me up.

Mr. ACERMAN: You're signed up.

ROKER: Sign me up. All right.

Mr. COSBY: Yes, yes. All right.

ROKER: That's what's going on around the chair, here's what's happening in your neck of the woods.

(Weather follows)

ROKER: We're back with Bill Cosby. Bill, given the events in Littleton, Colorado, and we know you have suffered a great loss and you lost your son to violence, what goes through your mind? What do you--what can you say to those parents who've--who've lost their children in such a horrible way?

Mr. COSBY: Al, it's important to listen to these kids. And when they start to give signals like this, very--I'm--I'm African-American, you're African-American, I start talking about white people, see, you know, Al, we ought to get rid of these white people, we got to knock--we--we really got to put them away. You have to pay attention to that, Al, and you have to say something to me. And then you've got to go and tell other people, I mean especially if I'm talking about violence and what we're going to do. You--you understand?

ROKER: Yeah.

Mr. COSBY: That's the main thing. I think it has to be stopped, discussion, somebody's got to talk to people that go to that extreme. I feel very comfortable talking to you, African-American to African-American. Now, say, look, brother--that's the time when you have to say, hey, man, OK.

ROKER: We got to talk.

Mr. COSBY: We got to talk.

ROKER: Discussion and listen to kids.

Mr. COSBY: Because it doesn't solve anything. These boys have really embarrassed their own family, they've embarrassed all of their relatives and their friends. And a part of it is going to be, as everybody says,

let's get back to healing. But it's very, very sad. You've got to listen to these people when they start to talk like that.

ROKER: Bill Cosby, thank you.

Mr. COSBY: Thank you.

ROKER: All right. Let's go back inside.

MATT LAUER, co-host:

Al and Mr. Cosby, thank you.

MATT LAUER, co-host:

Today on TODAY'S PARENTING, talking to your kids about the tragedy in Littleton. Dr. Harold Koplewicz, a leading child psychiatrist and director of the Child Study Center at New York University, has some guidance on that.

Dr. Koplewicz, thanks for being here.

Put yourself in the position of a parent this morning whose child maybe comes in and says, mom, dad, I'm afraid to go to school today. What should they do?

Dr. HAROLD KOPLEWICZ (New York University Child Study Center): I think many children across America have said that to their parents today. And as a parent, I'd be concerned that my kids would say that to me. I think you have to tell them that this is a rare event. That it's scary. It's a tragedy. But basically it's a rare event. And I think that it's important to also put it into perspective that we don't have a sick society. We have sick people in our society. We have some very troubled youths who sometimes can be out of control, and can hurt people, but we also have safeguards that this time failed, but usually work.

LAUER: Can--can the parent be partly honest and say to their son or daughter, this scares mommy, too?

Dr. KOPLEWICZ: I think it's very important to be honest and to say I'm very worried about this and I'm very concerned, but doesn't mean that you won't be safe. The worst thing a parent can do is to catastrophize, to say oh, my God, what's happening to our world, this is just the end. Because, frankly, kids don't know how to translate that or to register that.

LAUER: So even if you feel that, save that for your partner, your mate or a friend, not for your child.

Dr. KOPLEWICZ: Right. Right. And it's still being honest, but not sharing everything.

LAUER: Tell me about the age group in terms of how that would differ the message you would give to your child. For example, young children.

Dr. KOPLEWICZ: Well, I think kids under the age of five, I don't think they should be watching TV. In fact, you should really censor most of this material, because it's going to be hard for them to put it together. Let's remember that very young kids are egocentric, they worry about, will this happen to me? And they have a lot of trouble with abstractions, so just because it happened in Denver doesn't mean it's not going to happen in Chicago or New York.

LAUER: But also, if they hear a young girl being interviewed who says I didn't think this could happen to me and it can happen to me, they take that to heart?



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May 4, 1999

Mr. Bruce Reed  
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Reed:

I understand the President will be hosting a high level meeting with the media, entertainment industry leaders, and representatives from the Departments of Justice and Education on recurring school violence among young people.

I would very much like to participate on behalf of my company American Urban Radio Networks. AURN reaches approximately 8 million people a week, and has a long history of involvement in both school and violence issues. We have been a long time sponsor of both educational and stop the violence programs.

The problem of school violence is one of the most pressing problems facing our nation. I would very much like the opportunity to help address the problem of school violence.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald R. Davenport  
Chairman

cc: Loretta Ucelli  
Assistant to the President & Director of Communications

Joe Lockhart  
White House Press Secretary

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# Gunsmith's Creation Now Infamous

## Maker of Rifle Used in Massacre Feels Pride, Pain

By SHARON WALSH  
Washington Post Staff Writer

**T**om Deeb knows both the pleasure and the pain of a gunmaker. The pleasure is in the work—designing and building something with his hands, having good employees, getting letters from folks who have enjoyed sports with his guns or even felt their lives were saved by one of them.

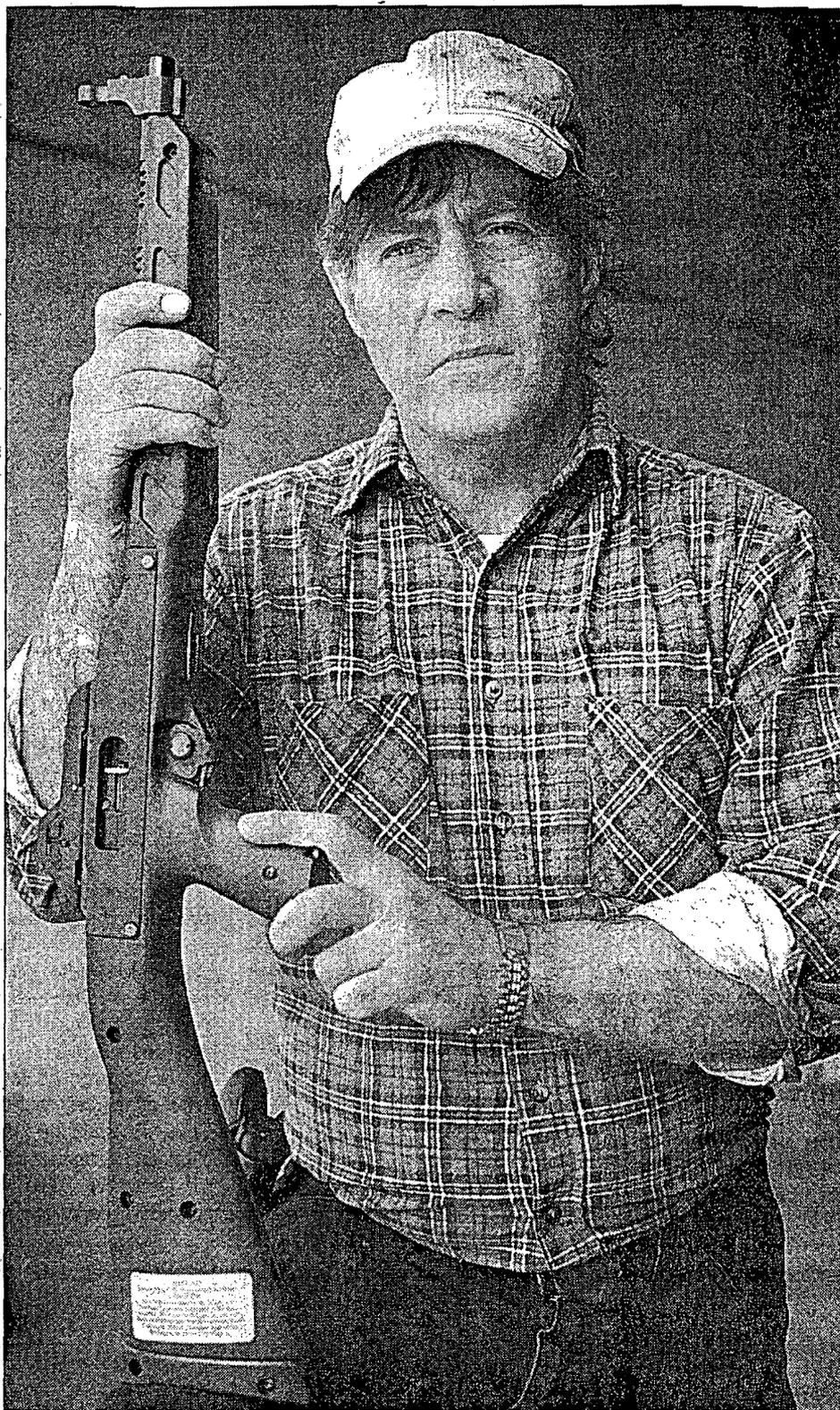
But lately, he says, pain has been the larger part of his livelihood. The 9mm Hi-Point carbine he designed was one of the guns in the arsenal of Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, who used them to kill classmates, a teacher and themselves in Littleton, Colo.

"It just broke my heart," said Deeb, 49, the founder of Hi-Point Firearms in Mansfield, Ohio, who has kids in high school.

The publicity may be unwanted, but it is proving profitable. Deeb's 9mm rifle is suddenly as scarce as black trench coats. Even before the shooting, Deeb had 6,000 back orders. Now, after CBS's "48 Hours" flashed a picture of the gun during a show devoted to the Littleton shooting, it's in even greater demand. Dealers complain that he isn't making his guns fast enough.

The tension between feeling pride in the weapons he makes—"a blast to shoot"—and the conflict he feels about making guns used in a rampage emerges frequently during a wide-ranging interview with Deeb over several hours. The gun is increasingly traced to crimes, federal statistics show, but Deeb says he makes guns for "the working guy."

"I'm not some unfeeling bastard who gets a kick out of watching people whack each other," he said. He said he designed the 9mm gun specifically so that high-capacity magazines will not work in it. With all his guns, he gives away a trigger lock he designed. And he's patented a device that keeps a loaded handgun



BY PHIL LONG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Tom Deeb with the rifle he designed and builds. Demand for it has risen since the Colorado massacre.

See GUNS, E4, Col. 1

# Pride of Rifle's Creator Now Tinged With Regret

GUNS, From E1

from going off if it's dropped.

"I like what I'm doing. I have fun with it," he said. But he added: "I sincerely feel worse about making guns than I ever have in my life. ... I've never been so ambivalent."

At the same time, Deeb said, the market for this gun "is real hot—it's on fire." Why? "Because I make one that's a blast to shoot. It's neat-looking. A light gun. Just weighs 5½ pounds. It's not high-capacity and never will be. It's quick to shoot, easy to shoot."

The stigma of his gun, he says, seems to be that it's cheap, retailing for \$169 to \$189.

The gun was traced for being at a crime scene or used in a crime 128 times in 1997, according to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. And in a recent ATF crime trace study on guns confiscated from young people, the Hi-Point carbine was one of the top 10 guns in cities such as Atlanta, Detroit and Cleveland.

Dealer ads for the rifle, which features a pistol grip and pistol ammunition, call it "the hottest gun since the SKS." The SKS is a military-style weapon that was imported from China and sold cheaply in the United States. It is now illegal to import the SKS.

"Hi-Point's a company that came out of nowhere" on the crime trace list, said Kristen Rand, director of federal policy at the Violence Policy

Center, a gun-control group. The fact that a rifle shows up on the list, which is usually dominated by handguns, is significant, she said. The pistol grip allows marksmen to shoot from the hip rather than from the shoulder, like most rifles used for hunting and recreation.

Deeb made some money initially as the owner of several video stores, but making guns was his dream, he said.

Deeb started production in the early 1990s. In 1994, he decided that making pistols wasn't a very stable business. Besides, he didn't like the stigma of making cheap handguns. So he designed a new gun—the 9mm carbine, that is 16½ inches long, lightweight, quick to shoot and cheap. It could be used for shooting tin cans, known as "plinking," or to shoot the groundhogs that plague his farmer neighbors, he said.

Deeb still makes cheap handguns, though not as many as he did before he designed the 9mm. He's about 13,000 handguns behind in production.

"I make guns for the working guy," he said. "He ought to be able to have a gun to defend himself and take out and plink and shoot tin cans ... a decent gun without spending a fortune."

Still, he said, "some people should not have a gun. ... I'd be a liar if I didn't agree that handgun violence is a problem in this country."

Deeb's company is not one of the big five rifle makers—which include



BY PHIL LONG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Robert Kudika wipes down a finished Hi-Point rifle at the company's factory. The model was one of several guns used in the Littleton, Colo., massacre.

Sturm, Ruger & Co. and Remington Arms Co.—but is a financially healthy firm that is about eighth on the list of rifle makers, with production of 28,000 rifles last year, in addition to 27,000 pistols, he said. With 18 employees, the company had sales of between \$3 million and \$4 million and made a profit of a little over \$1 million.

A number of police agencies in the western part of the country use his 9mm rifle as a "trunk gun" in patrol cars. He donated about 50 of them to the sheriff's office in his own Richland County, halfway between Cleveland and Columbus.

The gun is an "excellent weapon for limited situations," said Richland County Sheriff James Stierhoff. Officers there have never had an occa-

sion to use the gun, but they undergo 20 hours of training with it every six months. Stierhoff said it is light and durable and officers would use it for a manhunt or hostage situation if it arose.

Deeb is a gun enthusiast himself. "I have some free time, a shooting range. ... My kids and I go out and shoot. It's a family thing for me."

He carries a gun to work in a holster each day and considers himself the security for his business—though, for safety's sake, the gun is unloaded and he carries the clip in another pocket.

"In all honesty, it bothers me that I sell guns," he said. "It scares me that people use them to commit crimes. ... I set out to win you over and I feel like I'm backsliding."



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Mr. John Podesta  
Chief of Staff  
The White House

Dear Mr. Podesta:

It is sad and unfortunate that to date no mayors have been invited to the White House meeting on youth violence scheduled for Monday, May 10.

The United States Conference of Mayors feels very strongly about this issue and sponsored an unparalleled *National Summit on School Violence and Kids from 2:00 to 8:00pm* in Salt Lake City last September following the school violence in Paducah, Springfield and Jonesboro.

At that National Summit, Attorney General Janet Reno worked with us in a hands-on fashion and helped draft the contents of the resulting *National Action Plan*.

In addition, President Clinton sent Lynn Cutler from the White House to Salt Lake City. Her previous experience as a Black Hawk County representative put her in a position to make significant contributions to our meeting and the resulting document.

Following the Littleton massacre, Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, President of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, has been discussing our *National Action Plan on School Violence and Kids from 2:00 to 8:00PM* all across the country. In addition, she along with the other officers of the Conference have re-sent the plan to Congress with a call to action.

In addition, General Reno discussed this document on *Larry King Live* following the shooting and in other settings. In fact, on the very day of Littleton, New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial and Mayor Corradini were meeting with General Reno on implementation of the *National Action Plan*.

I also addressed the New Jersey Conference of Mayors following Littleton, after which they endorsed the *National Action Plan* by unanimous vote.

We believe that at least two mayors must be involved in the White House meeting next Monday to discuss the recommendations we developed in Salt Lake City.

You may be interested to know that I have spoken to Mr. Jack Valenti about the issue of violence in the entertainment industry, one of the major concerns raised in our *National Action Plan*, and Mayor Corradini is working with USA TODAY President and Publisher Tom Curley on a task force to address violence in the entertainment and news industries.

As we have indicated to your staff, our President Mayor Corradini is leading a mission to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerusalem Conference of Mayors in Israel, and our Vice President Mayor Wellington E. Webb of Denver is leading a mission of mayors to the 5<sup>th</sup> African - African American Conference in Accra, Ghana.

I understand that a number of mayors including Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton of Minneapolis, Mayor Bill Campbell of Atlanta and Mayor Thomas Menino of Boston have expressed interest in participating in the meeting. These mayors have all been leaders on this issue within the Conference.

We sincerely believe that mayors have something to offer to this important gathering. We went beyond the bounds of just mayors in our National Summit by including police chiefs, students, educators, health experts, parks and recreation officials, and representatives from the news media and entertainment industry - and that is the spirit of this respectful request.

I would appreciate if you would have your staff contact Ed Somers, Assistant Executive Director at the Conference and lead staff on criminal justice and school safety issues regarding this matter (202-861-6706).

We appreciate the leadership of the Clinton Administration on this matter and all other priorities. We have built, and continue to build, a partnership between President Clinton and the mayors beyond any that has existed before.

Sincerely,



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**A star is born? You bet. A brilliant (and blockbuster) solo album catapults Fugees beauty Lauryn Hill to new heights.**

BYLINE: Tom Sinclair

BODY:

Lauryn Hill has a cold. Seven months pregnant with her second child, the 23-year-old singer is systematically going through the pack of Pathmark tissues clutched in her left hand. She hasn't quite reached the "I hab a code in my node" phase, but she's clearly suffering. Her large brown eyes are watering (which, curiously, has the effect of making her look more alert than ill). Every so often she takes a whiff from a bottle of rubbing alcohol to help clear her sinuses.

Despite her condition, she looks ravishing, somehow transforming a pair of denim overalls and a red body stocking into a profound fashion statement. Perched on a couch in the same three-story red brick house in South Orange, N.J., where she grew up (and which now serves as Lauryn Hill Central, a combination studio/business office/hangout), she's explaining one worrisome side effect of her pregnancy.

"I just want to eat anything gritty. Instead of craving for pickles and ice cream, I'm craving for baking soda and cornstarch. The other day I was chewing on somebody's fingernail. Isn't that horrible?" she asks with consternation.

Well, on a scale of 1 to 10, Hill's gnawing problem probably ranks about 0.1. Besides, once she gives birth, those bizarre snacking impulses should end; Hill's 14-month-old son, Zion, will have a new brother or sister; and she can get on with the business of being what she's become virtually overnight: the Aretha Franklin of the new millennium.

Until recently, Hill had seemed an unlikely candidate to assume such a mantle. Who would have predicted that the young sister earnestly aping Roberta Flack on the Fugees' Grammy-winning 1996 remake of "Killing Me Softly With His

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Song" would find her own voice as quickly and dramatically as she has on her first solo album, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*? But R-E-S-P-E-C-T is due. Written and produced entirely by Hill, *Miseducation* is a stunning deeply personal tour de force that fuses old-school soul, reggae, hip-hop, gospel, and even doo-wop in a wholly fresh and satisfying way, showcasing her singing as much as her rapping. Recorded at studios in New York and Kingston, Jamaica, it's also a soapbox from which Hill holds forth on topics ranging from stardom, motherhood, the ghetto to the state of hip-hop and, especially, that whole messy love thang in no-holds-barred fashion.

In one respect, the Aretha analogy shortchanges Hill. The Queen of Soul has always been primarily an interpreter of other people's songs, depending on producers to provide ideal musical settings for her stellar voice. For her part, Hill (who incidentally wrote and produced the title track of Franklin's current album, *A Rose Is Still a Rose*, as well as directed the video for the song) is doing it all, exercising benevolently autocratic control over every aspect of her art. She even ixnayed the usual cavalcade of guest stars who crowd most current hip-hop and R&B discs (although she does share duets with contemporaries Mary J. Blige and D'Angelo).

Columbia Records prexy Don Ienner calls *Miseducation* "one of the last important albums of this decade." Hyperbole? Perhaps, but the reaction of both critics and the public to *Miseducation* indicates that such highfalutin praise may be right on the money for once. Released Aug. 25, *Miseducation* sold a sizzling 422,624 copies in its first week, establishing a SoundScan-era record for a female artist and landing it atop the Billboard pop chart. In less than a month, the album has shot past the one-million mark. (It took Marilyn Manson's *Mechanical Animals* to restore the chart's characteristic artifice-over-art balance and topple Hill's three-week reign at No. 1.)

Hill admits to being "surprised" by the record's strong out-of-the-box performance, but *Miseducation* holds its own surprises for the Fugees fans who flocked to buy it. "Everybody probably expected her to have Puffy Combs, Teddy Riley, Babyface, all the top-line, marquee R&B producers on there," says Chris Schwartz, president of Hill's label, Ruffhouse, which is distributed by Columbia. "Instead, she chose to do it herself and to make a very introspective, retro kind of record using live musicians. People like Maxwell, D'Angelo, and Erykah Badu have come close to doing what she's done, but I think Lauryn's really made the defining record of what's going to be the next wave of R&B."

Some would amend that sentiment to include pop and hip-hop as well. In a hopelessly fragmented, post-everything musical milieu, Hill's (mostly) organic nuevo soul is roping in a diversity of listeners. As Schwartz notes: "This is a record with multigenerational appeal that's not being championed by any one

race. Everybody's into it."

With the mainstream showing her big-time love, the artist formerly known as L-Boogie don't have to live like a (re)Fugee no more. Not that there's anything wrong with being one third of a group that's won two Grammys and sold 18 million copies worldwide of its second album, 1996's *The Score* (making it the largest-selling rap album ever by a group). It's just that Miseducation has pushed the envelope into a loftier zip code. As label mate Bob Dylan sang back when he was a fresh-faced pop prophet: "She's got everything she needs, she's an artist, she don't look back."

Still, a brief review of the past is in order. The product of a stable, loving home, Hill credits her parents with helping set her on the young-gifted-and-black fast track. She describes her mom, Valerie, a high school English teacher, and dad, Mal, a computer consultant, as "very, very cool." (So cool, in fact, that she still opts to live at home with them in a large house she bought not far from her South Orange headquarters.) Both parents were avid music fans, and even before she was bitten by the hip-hop bug, Hill was soaking up their voluminous collection of '50s, '60s, and '70s albums and 45s. "There was something sacred about those old records," she says. "They meant so much to me, and they kind of had a lot to do with the soundtrack of my life."

"Oh, my fabled record collection," says Valerie Hill with a laugh. "At the time, I didn't know it would have such an impact on Lauryn. But I always felt she would somehow, some way be involved in music. Frankly, [Lauryn's accomplishments] often leave me at a loss for words--and as an English teacher I'm not supposed to be at a loss for words."

Hill herself has no trouble waxing rhapsodic about both parents. "My father is the type of father who at a wedding would try to break-dance and embarrass us--he was that cat," she says with undisguised affection. "And I'm turning into my mother everyday. I sound like her, I'm starting to dance like her. Definitely talking like her. She is very much my friend. We share similar philosophies in life."

Hill's arty proclivities began in earnest about the time adolescence hit when, jazzed by hip-hop's possibilities, she joined the embryonic Fugees at age 13. Acting entered the picture a couple of years later, when a part in a small Off Broadway play led to a serendipitous meeting with an agent. Remembers Valerie: "She went on a few auditions and some go-sees, and the next thing you know, she had a part on a soap opera."

A 1991 stint on *As the World Turns* led to film roles in Steven Soderbergh's *King of the Hill* and the Whoopi Goldberg comedy *Sister Act II: Back in the*

Habit. But her Fugees duties soon pushed acting to the back burner. Lately, though, Hollywood has been eyeing her with all the subtlety of a leering teen Romeo sizing up a corner cutie. Until Warner Bros. unexpectedly pulled the plug on the project last week, director Joel Schumacher was in discussions with Hill about a lead role in a screen adaptation of Dreamgirls. There's still talk of a part in the Mission: Impossible sequel. And only her pregnancy got in the way of a starring role in Jonathan Demme's soon-to-be-released production of Toni Morrison's Beloved. "There are some things," says Hill on the subject of film offers, "but nothing I will sign any pen to paper yet."

Schumacher, who lunched with Hill recently, thinks her breakthrough in film is a given. "Some people are born stars," he says. "Only God can make a tree, and only God could make Lauryn Hill. If I've admired her from afar, now I'm obsessed with her. I'll stalk her to the ends of the earth."

Completing Hill's picture of familial bliss is Zion's (and baby No. 2's) father, Rohan Marley, son of the legendary Bob Marley. The pair met on the Fugees' 1996 tour and have been an item ever since. Hill has kept public emphasis on the relationship on the down low ("I didn't feel a need to go out and do a press conference on who my child's father was") but she makes it clear that Marley is still very much her "boyfriend."

"It's really very special and very subtle," she says of their bond. "I've been realizing in my life the most influential people are people who are sort of brought to me, as opposed to people I seek out. And he definitely found me."

One inevitable result of Hill's success has been her decision to put her undergrad studies at Columbia University, where she was a history major, on hold. Now that she's busy making history herself, there's no telling when she'll have time to do the Ivy League thing again: "If I were to go back at this point, it would probably be to show my son you should finish what you start."

Well, she's already earned an advanced degree in making great albums. Her preference for classic soul sounds led her to use live instrumentation on much of the album, putting a new twist on the hip-hop cliché "keepin' it real." Says Hill: "The first day in the studio, I think I ordered every instrument I ever fell in love with: harps, strings, timpani drums, organ, clavichords. It was my idea to record it so the human element stayed in. I didn't want it to be too technically perfect."

She admits there was talk early in the project of bringing in outside producers to work on the album (she mentions the Wu-Tang Clan's RZA as an early contender). In the end, though, she opted to do it herself: "It would have been more difficult to articulate [what I wanted] to other people." Columbia's Jenner dismisses rumors that the label had tried to impose a producer on her:

"She has always been allowed and encouraged to do anything she wanted to do in any way she wanted."

Hill draws an analogy between the current musical climate and the Eddie Murphy routine about asking his mother for a McDonald's burger--when Mom instead prepares a homemade burger with all the trimmings, naturally he turns his nose up at it.

"The anxiety of this project was the fear that we would have been so used to fast food [music], that if you give them something that came from the soul and the heart, they would want McDonald's, basically," says Hill.

Judging by album sales, droves of record buyers are tiring of aural Big Macs, and are turning to Hill for the new flava they seek. A couple of years back, the absurd marketing term "alternative R&B" was coined, supposedly signifying soul-based music played by real musicians. Now Hill, in one bold stroke, has launched her brand of hip-pop R&B into the mainstream, issuing a wake-up call to would-be Puff Daddys everywhere. Indeed, in the coming months, it's safe to say that a diversity of music makers will be studying Miseducation's lessons.

Including, no doubt, a slumbering, three-headed behemoth called the Fugees.

Ah, yes, the Fugees. Lots of folks are starting to wonder if their existence at this point isn't largely theoretical. Formed in 1988 by Hill, Wyclef Jean, 27, and Prakazrel "Pras" Michel, 27, the members seem more interested in channeling their fecundity into solo projects than coming together to record a follow-up to *The Score*. (Jean released the multi-platinum *The Carnival* in 1997, and Pras' solo bow, *Ghetto Supastar*, is due Oct. 27.) Individual achievement's all well and good, gang, but what about the team?

"Once a Fugee, always a Fugee," proclaims Hill, who pooh-poohs the notion that the group is unofficially defunct. (Schwartz says the trio will enter the studio to record a new album, which is scheduled for release by late spring or early summer.) What about those rumors of post-fame squabbling and jealousy between the three of you? "Maybe there was a little behind-the-scenes" friction, admits Hill, laughing. "Ten, 15, 20 years from now, maybe VH1 will do a *Behind the Music* about the Fugees."

Maybe it'll be sooner than that. On *Miseducation*'s first track, "Lost Ones," Hill raps, "My emancipation don't fit your equation/I was on the humble/You on every station," a lyric that's been widely interpreted as being directed at Jean--a charge Hill denies. "Lost Ones" is really about music-industry "opportunists and sharks," she claims. "None of the songs on this album are as literal as everybody wants to take them." In other words, any similarities between the targets of this album's bile and real, live male Fugees are purely

coincidental.

Execs at Ruffhouse and Columbia choose to turn a blind eye to the possibility that the Fugees might implode. "We think that the Fugees, collectively and individually, could last aeons because of their three completely different talents," says Ienner. "And when they come together, they are incredibly powerful as a unit." Ienner believes the group can "easily" deliver its third album before next summer: "I think it can be done very quickly. Let's just say they do 12 songs, they just have to bring in 4 each. They work fast. I think Wyclef is recording a song a week for different people."

Pras, though, is slightly less optimistic about the timetable for a new Fugees disc. The Fugees coming together again "is definitely going to be strange," he says. "I would love to do another Fugees album, but when and how it's gonna happen we don't really know yet. There's no major tension [between us]. You've just got to remember we've been together 9 or 10 years, and there was a period of 6 or 7 years when we must have seen each other four times a week at the very least. After a while, you know, it's like brothers and sisters. You're ready to move on to another level, like, let me get a breather."

Whatever happens with the Fugees, Hill isn't likely to get a breather anytime soon. "It's sort of like being a VCR on fast-forward," Hill says, musing about the distance she's traveled in so short a time. "You get to spots a little bit quicker than you should. There's a level of distortion. The album is like regaining clarity. Just stop and pause and look at the picture for what it is."

Though she's temporarily laying low ("I'm big and fat, so I'm not really doing anything"), her plate is overflowing and likely to remain that way. Returning a favor to Carlos Santana, who played the haunting Spanish guitar on "To Zion," a lovely ballad to her son on *Miseducation*, she recently collaborated on a track for the new Santana album. She talks wistfully of possibly working with heroes like Curtis Mayfield, Stevie Wonder, and Al Green, and promises that she'll "be doing some [concert] performances by the end of the year." And she continues to shell out the Benjamins for, and oversee, the Refugee Project, which this past summer sent a group of inner-city kids to Camp Hill in New York's Catskill Mountains.

Mom, lover, recording artist, producer, writer, actress, social activist--Hill is clearly a poster girl for a new brigade of I'll-have-it-all soul sisters. "I was never one of those shy girls that just wanted a salad," she confesses. "I would be, like, 'Whatever you're having, I'm having double.'"

Somebody give that gal a bowl of cornstarch. And a side of baking soda.

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1997,  
the Grammys delivered six bouncing statuettes to Fugees (top, from left) Jean,  
Hill, and Michel; Hill (carrying Zion) and Jean take a pregnant pause during a  
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Michel holding Grammy Award statuettes]; COLOR PHOTO: ANTHONY DIXON/LONDON  
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COLOR PHOTO: PROCTOR & GAMBLE, LAURYN GREEN In the early '90s, the fledgling  
actor cut her teeth on the soap As the World Turns (right) and in Whoopi  
Goldberg's nonsense sequel Sister Act II: Back in the Habit (below) [Lauryn Hill  
on television show As the World Turns]; COLOR PHOTO: EVERETT COLLECTION, [See  
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With her upcoming solo album and a blossoming film career, the Fugees' singer Lauryn Hill has hopped beyond hip-hop to become a one-woman powerhouse.

This is me: a really regular person. There's no empire around me; there's just family." Lauryn Hill says the kinds of things that would make the needle of a journalist's Hype-O-Meter jump into the red zone - if they didn't happen to be so obviously true. Hill lives in the same small brick-red house in South Orange, NJ, that she grew up in. When her band, the Fugees, sold 17 million copies worldwide of the hip-hop classic *The Score* (RuffHouse/Columbia), she bought her parents a big expensive house up the street, but she stayed put. Hill's brother, Malaney, makes tea in the kitchen while her high-school friend Miriam, now her personal assistant, hangs with another girlfriend in the dining room-cum-office. It's only when the phone rings that the low-key suburban family tableau abruptly shifts register: "Hey Lauryn. Carlos Santana wants to talk to you."

Outside this bubble of normalcy, in the entertainment industry, you drop the name "Lauryn Hill," then wait for the superlatives to roll: beautiful, multitalented, whip smart. "Lauryn is sublime," gushes Whoopi Goldberg, the star of the 1993 movie *Sister Act 2*, which also featured Hill. The general consensus is that Hill's career is about to explode beyond hip-hop. She's striking out into mainstream pop, and her film career is taking off. Next month she'll release an album of her own songs, which she produced as well; she also wrote and produced the title track on Aretha Franklin's new CD, *A Rose Is Still a Rose* (Arista), and directed the video of their collaboration. Movie scripts, good ones, regularly arrive in hefty FedEx envelopes at the doorstep of the little

house in South Orange.

But sitting with Hill upstairs, in her pine-paneled attic music studio, you'd never suspect you were in the presence of a Legend Waiting to Happen. She downplays her natural glamour with retro spectacles, spiky dreadlocks and what she calls "rootsy clothes" - jeans, boots, a Ralph Lauren sweater layered over her mom's red turtleneck. "We're always dipping into each other's closets," she says with a chuckle. "I'm really into fashion, and I love to look beautiful. The way I put things together, it's a little part rugged, a little part rootsy, but it also can get high fashion sometimes. Like, I would feel totally comfortable wearing Armani with army-navy."

Hill's a fast talker; her words flow without any hesitation, as if she always knows exactly where they're going to land. And they're not the sort of words you'd expect to hear from a 24-year-old. On fame: "I think for a hot minute this was exciting to me and my family. But all of us are pretty much uninspired by money and material things." On producing her own record: "Hey, it's my album. Who else can tell my story better than me?" On being a woman in pop music: "They have this idea of the female as the diva, the pretty face, the songstress. But they very rarely compliment a woman's talent and say, 'Well, that woman is genius.' Not in the music industry."

Hill's maturity and confidence impressed Aretha Franklin when the two got together in Detroit to work on "Rose" last fall. Hill came with her baby, Zion, and her mom in tow. "She's positive, detailed, conscientious. Frankly, I was surprised to see that in such a young woman," +says Franklin, who adds that maybe Hill is "an old soul."

Hill laughs and says that could be true. "When I was a very little girl I wanted to be a superstar-slash-lawyer-slash-doctor. I had an agenda." But she was also the baddest gymnast on the local playground, she says, with just a hint of a swagger. "I got my reputation 'cause I could flip. I was a huge tomboy, and I used to do back flips over there in the projects."

She gestures out the attic window. A grim block of public housing rises only a few hundred yards away from her tranquil backyard. Hill's suburban aerie is deceptive; it's only a stone's throw from Newark's urban decay. She grew up with a foot in both worlds, surrounded by uncles, aunts, cousins and parents (her mom's a teacher and her dad's a computer analyst) who pushed education and black cultural awareness. "I remember looking out this window, and there was a certain time of day when the sun used to shine on those buildings; and they used to look like gold. Beautiful. And I'd bug, 'cause I knew they were full of wild people, kids stickin' up each other. But when something is at its worst, there's always something beautiful there too."

In high school, Hill met her destiny, in the form of two guys from the other side of the Newark tracks: Prakazrel "Pras" Michel and Wyclef Jean, her fellow Fugees. Hill had already made a splash as an actress on *As the World Turns*, but many late nights under headphones with her parents' collection of classic R & B records had put music fever in her, and she dreamed of becoming a singer. The boys were forming a band - perfect. "At first it was fun, a laugh," she remembers. Then they had a record contract. The first CD (*Blunted on Reality*) didn't hit, but the second was the charm. Propelled by Hill's sultry, warm interpretation of Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly With His Song," *The Score* went multiplatinum in 1996, and critics were praising Hill as a young Nina Simone.

Suddenly life got fast and complicated. Hill, who'd already completed her freshman year at Columbia University, plunged into a frenzy of tours, press and Grammy awards. And then she got pregnant. "A lot of people told me, 'Don't do it. It's not the right time; you're a superstar.' But I looked at my life, and I said, 'Well, God has blessed me with a whole lot in a little bit of time.' At the end of the day, the only reason for me not to have a child would have been that it was an inconvenience to my career, and that wasn't a good enough excuse for me not to have my son."

Hill had to turn down a tempting film offer from Jonathan Demme, for *Beloved*, but otherwise she kept on moving, performing at the Grammys when she was three months pregnant, then traveling to Haiti, birthplace of her fellow Fugees, to do a benefit concert. (Hill is founder of the *Refugee Project*, a cultural and charitable organization that supports grassroots efforts in Haiti, New Jersey and Zaire.) "I had so much energy, I was bouncing off the walls." She wrote 30 songs, including one for gospel great Cece Winans. "We were in the studio together, singing and dancing to a song I wrote called 'On That Day,' and the very next day my little man showed up." She pauses and adds, "He totally refocused me, gave me something to love as much as anything else I could love."

Not since Courtney Love had the music business seen so public a pregnancy, but Hill has insisted on keeping her secrets and her privacy. To this day she refuses to say who is the father of eight-month-old Zion David. "I felt like the world had enough of me. I felt like I put my soul on records, and I didn't have to answer any global question about who my boyfriend was."

Or is. Still, it's hard not to notice a certain familiar-looking face in the back of Patrick Demarchelier's photography studio during Hill's shoot for *Bazaar*, quietly hanging in the background as Hill plays to the camera. The dreadlocked onlooker is former University of Miami football star Rohan Marley, son of Bob, and the rumor mill has his name on the list of Hill's possible main squeezes. She's still not telling, and for the moment she's paying him no mind, caught up in the energy of dancing under the hot, bright lights. Her

homegirls - Miriam and stylists Veronica and Roxanna - are close by, yelling encouragement: "Looks beautiful, girl! Oooh!" Hill yells back with a musical order: "We need some Al Green!"

Made up, with her dreadlocks transformed into a sophisticated updo, and poured into a sleek leather Halston halter-and-jeans ensemble, Lauryn Hill looks regal, like a princess, albeit one who might break into a back flip if the mood suited her. From the back of the room, Rohan Marley is smiling, transfixed.

"I'm very, very blessed," she said as the light faded that afternoon outside her attic window. "I think it's because God has a plan for me. Because I'm supposed to do something. It's like: 'Okay, Lauryn. Everything is in place. Now do what you have to do. Say what you have to say.'"

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**HEADLINE: The Missed Message of Lauryn Hill; artist ushers hip-hop into the mainstream**

BYLINE: Lewis, Andrea

BODY:

In the weeks leading up to this year's Grammy awards, the media spotlight on Lauryn Hill was blinding. Her image crowded the newsstands--when was the last time a black woman graced the cover of Time, Rolling Stone, Esquire, and The New York Times Fashion Magazine? Her sound was thick on the radio airwaves, and her videos cycled in heavy rotation on MTV and other outlets. But even with all that coverage, it was interesting to note how much more attention was paid to Hill's single-motherhood and relationship with one of Bob Marley's sons than to the message within her music.

During the two decades since rap was born in 1979, I've kept my eyes and ears on the handful of female artists--like Salt-n-Pepa, Queen Latifah, and MC Lyte--who managed to carve out a piece of turf in what has stubbornly remained an almost exclusively male medium. I kept listening as the likes of TLC, Da Brat, Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, and Foxy Brown built on the success of those pioneers.

But when I first heard The Fugees on the radio and saw the video for their song "Ready or Not," I realized that I was witnessing the birth of a different female hip-hop artist. Lauryn Hill's blend of African-American and Caribbean sensibilities, her ability to move from ripping rap verse to effortlessly smooth vocals, her stunning natural beauty and performance skills, and her socially conscious lyrics signaled that she could be the woman who would take hip-hop to the next level.

**Hill's debut solo album, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, is firmly grounded in the experience of women, and its social and political consciousness is more subtly articulated than in some of Hill's earlier work with The Fugees.**

Perhaps the place where Hill's social commitment speaks most clearly is outside of the recording studio. She has founded the Refugee Project, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage social activism among urban youth. "What distinguishes one child from another is not ability but access," she says. "Access to education, access to opportunity, access to love." She has also founded Camp Hill, in upstate New York, and Refugee Camp, in New Jersey, which are outreach and education programs for inner-city kids.

Hill has passed up enticing movie and television roles that could brighten her individual star but might detract from her music and message. "I'm just a vehicle through which this thing moves," she humbly said at a recent benefit for the Refugee Project. "It's not about me at all."

I couldn't wait to see the Grammy awards. The event had been dubbed the "Year of the Woman" because the nominations in many major categories were dominated by women artists.

Unfortunately, after watching nominees like vocally fried Madonna perform a shameless exploitation of Japanese culture and Shania Twain present a black-leather ode to a woman's prerogative to have fun, I began to wonder when Peggy Lee would step out and sing "Is That All There Is?"

Lauryn Hill, however, did not disappoint. She collected five Grammy awards--more than any woman in history--and she did so with an endearing blend of humility and sincerity. She sang of the joys of love between mother and child, she spoke of the responsibility she feels as an artist, and she cried out for One Love. It was an unforgettable sight to see the brown-skinned, dread-locked beauty stride past the largely white music establishment to accept the Grammy for Album of the Year. "This is crazy," she said, acknowledging the historic occasion. "This is hip-hop!"

Hill's success is bigger than she is. She is ushering in a new era of mainstream acceptance of hip-hop music that was unthinkable twenty years ago. And it's hip-hop with a heart, mind, and soul.

Andrea Lewis, an associate editor of the San Francisco-based Pacific News Service, has won two Grammy awards as a member of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus.

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**HEADLINE: What, AIDS again? celebrities' social causes; Brief Article**

**BODY:**

Isn't that kind of an eighties cause?

Didn't we already care about that? Is this some sort of rerun?

Yes, yes, yes, yes, and we apologize for the inconvenience; we know that you've gone on to other tragedies and catastrophes, that you have new, more pressing global concerns, that you're wearing a different-colored ribbon these days.

But did you happen to notice all those celebrities on the cover?

We bring this up only because we know how many causes are vying for your attention and how many top celebrities are attached to each one. We know it's hard to decide whether to care about the ocean, like Ted Danson, or the rain forests, like Sting; about the Middle East, like Richard Dreyfuss, or South Africa, like Danny Glover, or Tibet, like Richard Gere; about underprivileged kids, like Jane Seymour, or Third World ones, like Sophia Loren, or abused ones, like Oprah Winfrey, or diabetic ones, like Mary Tyler Moore, or just kids in general, like Rosie O'Donnell. Robert Redford wants you to take a stand against eating horses; Kim Basinger wants you to stop the beagle holocaust. You loved The Horse Whisperer, but you thought Kim did her best work ever in L. A. Confidential. How do you decide?

And now here we are, throwing our huge celebrities at you, trying to extract some empathy for a cause that's positively Bhopal. Yes, it's shameful. But we wouldn't do it if it weren't strictly necessary.

For it is simply a fact of the fin de siecle that a cause sans celebre is no cause at all. Let's say you want to get the following rather dry passage into a major newspaper: "In the last couple of months, [Slobodan] Milosevic, the butcher of the Balkans, has stepped up his offensive, and 400,000 ethnic Albanians in Kosovo are now displaced, 403 villages have been destroyed, and 20,000 houses burned to the ground under his scorched-earth policy, making a mockery of the security council's resolution that people should return to their homes." You could spend \$ 15,000 on a full-page ad no-one would read, or you could get Bianca Jagger to say it to a reporter over cozy tea, as she did not long ago. Or let's say you wanted to draw attention to the UN's Population Fund. You could hold an angry press conference, as Representative Carolyn Maloney did last October in Washington, and decry \$ 20 million in U.S. funding cuts to nobody in particular. Or you could, on the very same day in New York, simply be Geri Halliwell, the former Ginger Spice and current goodwill ambassador for the fund, and have your little meet-the-press carried live around the world--by two different news organizations.

"I am famous," Halliwell explained, "and I am damn well going to use my fame positively." Hers is a typical attitude among modern celebrities. "It's sad that celebrities get visibility just because they're famous," says William Baldwin, the famous actor who heads the 350-famous-people Creative Coalition, "but given that unfortunate situation, celebrity activists owe it to the public to use their celebrity in positive ways."

Cynics often wonder, aloud and asmirk, whether celebrities care less about their cause and more about exposure, status, or, worse, warm feelings inside. Perhaps. We wonder instead when celebrities became better people than the rest of us and when plague, famine, and genocide became so dreary and commonplace as to ...

We sense your interest flagging even now.

Tom Hanks! Madonna! Sharon Stone! Chris Rock! Natasha Richardson! **Lauryn Hill!** Grant Hill! And the amazing Dr. Mathilde Krim!

**That's eight really spectacular celebrities, worth your time for one word each, we hope, because they thought you might want to know: AIDS lives and is looking to kill you.**

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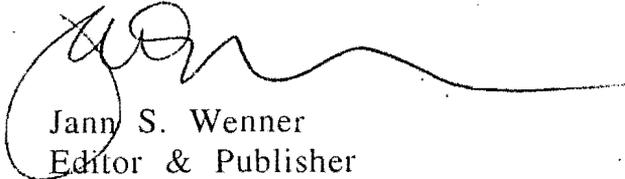
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Dear Mr. Reed:

I would very much like to be part of the White House  
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Sincerely,



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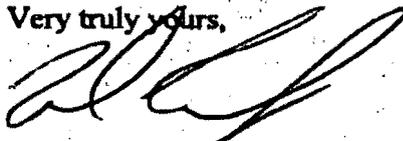
Yesterday afternoon's events in Colorado have once again demonstrated that we have a serious problem within our nation.

*I would like to propose a solution:*

I am currently a Managing Director with Deutsche Bank in New York. I have a substantial number of senior contacts at many Wall Street firms. We need to immediately fund and set up a task force, which focuses on the issues at hand. The task force could be composed of school administrators, psychologists, security experts, and others who would propose a series of steps to prevent further incidents at our nation's schools.

In order to get the ball rolling I would be willing to donate \$100,000 plus commit my time to raising another 10 million dollars and putting together the task force. I truly hope that we can do something in order that our children attend our nation's schools with safety and security. I can be reached until Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at our vacation residence in Florida at (941) 383-3168.

Very truly yours,

  
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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in response to the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton Colorado and the growing national debate about who or what is to blame for this and other recent school shooting rampages.

Like much of America, we are struggling to explain why young boys are now slaughtering their classmates and teachers. It is a manifestation of something that goes beyond our normal realm of shared experience, something so senseless, so soulless, so inhuman as to be almost incomprehensible. But as the unthinkable becomes familiar, and our communities live in fear that their children will be the next target, we must confront it. Every one of our sons and daughters are at risk. So is our way of life and the values sustaining it.

In the coming days, we will be joining with several of our colleagues from both parties to propose some ideas as to how we can come together as a national family to answer the perplexing questions we are grappling with now. We want to try to understand what is causing our schools to become killing fields, what it means in relation to the larger epidemic of youth violence that is claiming the lives of thousands of children each year, and what we can do to restore security and sanity to our schoolyards. But that will understandably take time, and we as parents and lawmakers feel a strong sense of urgency to do whatever we can now to diminish the likelihood that another community will feel the searing pain and grief which has visited Littleton this month.

A good place to start, in our view, is with the entertainment media and the violent images and messages with which they are bombarding our children. This is a problem which we, like you and the First Lady, have been concerned about for some time. Scores of studies, hearings, and protests of angry and fearful parents have convinced us that the multimedia onslaught our children are exposed to every day is doing real harm, desensitizing kids to the consequences of violence, teaching them that gunplay is a reasonable way to settle disputes, and increasing the likelihood that life will tragically imitate art. Our concerns have been heightened by the pattern emerging from the recent school massacres, which indicates that the gunmen involved have been immersed in and fascinated with hyperviolent films, record lyrics, video games, or Internet sites in varying combinations.

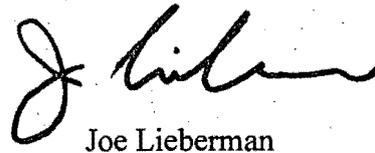
We recognize that this outbreak of school violence is a complicated phenomenon, most likely involving multiple factors, such as the illegal access kids are getting to guns, the disconnection of parents from their children's lives, the distortions of mental illness, and the weakening of our moral and communal safety nets. But like much of the American public, who have increasingly been focusing on the role of the entertainment industry in this tragic story, we believe that media violence is contributing to this problem, and that we need the help of the entertainment community to solve it.

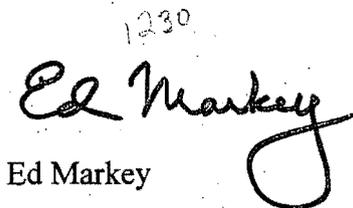
To help make sure this appeal is heard now, and this moment seized, we strongly urge you, in conjunction with the majority and minority leaders of both houses of Congress, to convene an emergency summit meeting at the White House with the leaders of the entertainment industry. By elevating this concern to summit status, we believe you could jumpstart a dialogue that we need to have, and enhance the chances of winning the cooperation of the nation's cultural producers. This is what happened three years ago with the V-chip meeting you held with the television industry, which produced a breakthrough in the effort to create a TV ratings system. Now the time has come to begin a similarly high-level conversation with the broader entertainment community, including the major entertainment conglomerates and the increasingly influential interactive media companies, who together are responsible for shaping so much of the world our children inhabit.

The goal of such a gathering should not be to find scapegoats, but to find solutions, to find areas of common ground for fulfilling our common values, our shared interest in protecting children from harm. As we have said repeatedly, we are not seeking censorship, but better citizenship, the ethic of responsibility we have come to expect from these great companies, who contribute so much to our society. We look forward to working with you to foster that kind of constructive dialogue and ultimately improve the climate in which we raise our children. Thank you for your consideration. We eagerly wait your response.

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Dear Mr. President:

I write to request your assistance in seeking a solution to the terrible problem of violence in our nation's schools. From the tragedy last week in Littleton, Colorado to last year's tragedy in your home state, we are seeing a level of violence affecting our children unseen in our nation's history.

I have introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives requesting your assistance in calling for a School Safety Stand Down. This stand down would call upon every school across the nation to focus on the problem of school violence for one day. My experience in the Army leads me to believe this national focus on school violence will allow us to pause and reflect on some of the causes of this seemingly senseless violence. When the military stands down, all personnel are aware of the matter's importance and change can occur.

To have you lead the effort to set aside one specific day for this national reflection, we can encourage nationwide participation. Our efforts to address school violence must begin with a national dialogue which takes in every community, every family and every school worker to properly discuss what changes need to take place to find answers to many complex questions. Beginning at the kitchen table, discussions need to either begin or carry on with all families about how to recognize problems with our children. This dialogue can then extend throughout the community so everyone feels they have a stake in our children's future.

Our children are our nation's most precious resource, and I believe taking this step of a national day of reflection will allow us to begin the journey of healing and problem solving. I ask your help in making this effort a reality. Specifically, I request you choose one day before the end of the school year to designate as our School Safety Stand Down.

Thank you for your attention to this important request and I thank you for all that you do for our nation.

Sincerely,



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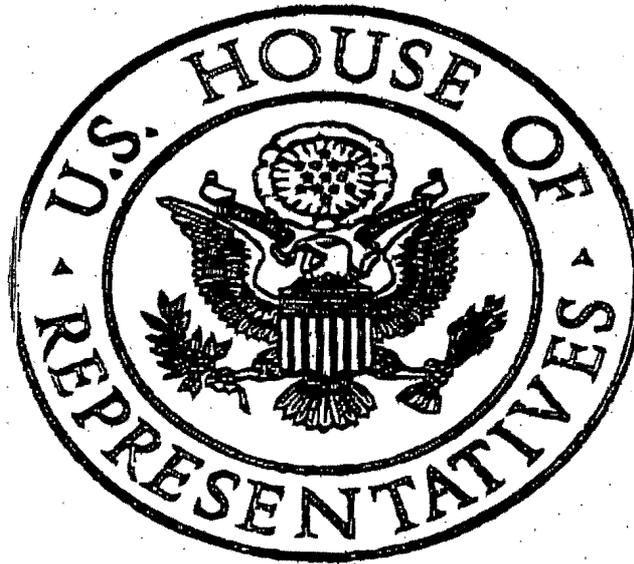
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## Last picture show: Vogel exits Disney

By Stephen Galloway and Anita M. Busch



**Vogel**  
After months of increasing acrimony between Buena Vista Motion Picture Group president David Vogel and Walt Disney Studios president Peter Schneider, Vogel has exited Walt Disney Studios, sources confirmed late Thursday. Vogel had been with Disney for 10 years.

Schneider, who was promoted to his current post after making his mark running Disney's successful animation and legit theater businesses, will assume con-

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## Perth chief at Henson TV unit

By Scott Hettrick

Rod Perth has been named president of Jim Henson Television Group Worldwide.

Perth, former USA Networks president of entertainment, will be responsible for all Henson's TV operations on a global basis. He

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# Five media powers balk at Senate violence talks

By Brooks Boliek

**WASHINGTON** — Lawmakers' call for constructive dialogue with the entertainment industry about violence is off to a rocky start as five top media companies have refused an invitation to testify next week at a Senate hearing examining the issue.

Time Warner, Sony, BMG, Viacom and Seagram turned down Sen. Sam Brownback's invitation to testify at Tuesday's hearing examining the marketing of violent movies, recordings and video games to American youth, said Erik Hotmire, spokesman for the Kansas Republican. Toy company Hasbro also has refused to send a representative, he said. MPAA chief Jack Valenti has accepted the invitation.

Brownback's hearing follows Wednesday's call by a bipartisan group of lawmakers for President Clinton to arrange an "emergency

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## Littleton: Hollywood reacts

Industry moves in response to the school shootings

- **TBS Superstation** pulls its June 30 showing of the film "Red Dawn," which features a scene of a shooting at a high school
- **Fox** pre-empts this week's reality special "World's Scariest Explosions" and subs "World's Scariest Police Chases"
- **NBC** reschedules tonight's episode of "Homicide: Life on the Street" about a hostage situation that involves teenagers
- **KUSA**, NBC's Denver affiliate, weighs whether to air May miniseries "Atomic Train" about a nuclear bomb threatening Denver
- **Columbia Pictures** pulls TV spots and alters print ad campaign in Denver for "Idle Hands," a comic-horror film aimed at teens
- **Shock rocker Marilyn Manson** calls off his tour

## More damages, charges: Katzenberg ups the ante

*Allegations of cushy Dis deals with ABC*

By David Robb

Jeffrey Katzenberg has raised the stakes dramatically in his ongoing legal battle with the Walt Disney Co.

Not only has he doubled the amount of damages he's seeking to \$500 million from \$250 million, but confidential documents unsealed recently by the court reveal that he has also leveled serious

new allegations against his former employer.

One of the most provocative of Katzenberg's new allegations is that Disney cheated him by making cozy movie licensing deals with ABC, which Disney bought in 1995 — the year after Katzenberg left as head of the studio's filmed entertainment division

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## CBS says higher ratings put net in black

By Jill Goldsmith

**NEW YORK** — CBS Corp. said Thursday that gains at its radio and billboard unit boosted first-quarter earnings. It also announced plans to buy an Austin, Texas, TV station from Granite Broadcasting Corp. (story page 14).

CBS chief Mel Karmazin said the TV network was profitable in the first quarter after losing a pile

of money the year before. He said costs are down while higher ratings and improved demographics boost revenue.

The new "60 Minutes II" is selling well to advertisers, Karmazin said, despite its less-than-stellar ratings. And he told analysts during a conference call that the net is working hard to enhance its morning news product.

The scatter market looks good in the second and third quarters. "CBS and the WB are the two net-

works that probably have momentum going into the upfront," he said.

A network sells most of its ad inventory during the upfront market each spring, while remaining inventory is sold throughout the year in the scatter market. CBS could benefit from scatter sales since it met the ratings guarantees in the upfront marketplace and didn't have to offer advertisers "make-goods."

Asked about mounting tensions between networks — namely Fox and NBC — and their affiliated

See **CBS** on page 36

## NYC token gesture: HBO unit off to L.A.

By Paula Bernstein

**NEW YORK** — HBO NYC will move to Los Angeles as the pay cable network shuts the doors to its New York production office, sources said Thursday.

The edgy film brand will continue to exist as a division of HBO Pictures. However, it will operate out of the L.A. office under the direction of Collin Callendar, the former head of HBO NYC who was recently named president of HBO Original Movies. In his new

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# Perth

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will report to Henson president and CEO Brian Henson and president and chief operating officer Charles Rivkin beginning Monday.

Perth, who essentially replaces

Margaret Loesch in the position, will also oversee Henson cable channel interests with Hallmark, including the international Kermit Channel and the new Loesch-headed Odyssey Channel in the United States.



Perth

Perth was pushed out of USA last year when Barry Diller bought the company and replaced Perth with one of his former Fox executives, Stephen Chao.

By creating original series for USA such as "Pacific Blue" and "La Femme Nikita" and high-profile and critically acclaimed movies like "Moby Dick," Perth steered USA to top ratings and record revenue and profits.

He also accelerated the growth and profile of USA's Sci-Fi Channel with acquisitions and original productions of shows such as "Sliders," "Poltergeist: The Legacy" and "Farscape," the latter being a Henson production developed under Perth that recently premiered on Sci-Fi.

Chao said he was glad to hear

about Perth's appointment and looks forward to working with Perth at Henson.

Rivkin said Perth will spearhead the company's ambitious plans to greatly increase TV production for broadcast networks, syndication, made-for-video projects and cable networks.

Henson has a primetime pilot at NBC, "The Master of Horror and Suspense," and is producing original programming for cable networks, including the Disney Channel, Sci-Fi and its own Kermit and Odyssey channels.

"He is the perfect executive to take the company to the next level," Rivkin said. "We need to regroup and we're looking to Rod for his leadership skills. He was the man who picked up 'Farscape' so he understands our sensibilities."

Perth said in addition to the opportunity of working with quality people, he is pleased to join a company with such a strong heritage and tradition.

"The whole notion of family programming is growing more important," Perth said. "There is a real opportunity to grow what already exists and take it to next level."

Rivkin said he believes that the Kermit Channel can "greatly expand its reach internationally, particularly in Eastern and Central Europe." He conceded that the increased production will require significant financing, but he said the company is ready for the growth, which may mean staffing up in the TV unit. □

# Violence

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summit" with media executives to discuss the issue. A White House spokesman said Clinton was "seriously considering the idea of a summit in the wake of Littleton" but had not yet made up his mind. Congressional sources said an announcement could come as early as today, however.

Entertainment industry officials said they would let trade associations speak for them at Brownback's hearing.

"We always have our trade association speak on these issues," said Barbara Dixon, senior vp publicity at Sony's Columbia TriStar Entertainment Group. "We always go through Jack, and he'll be our spokesperson."

Hotwire declined to characterize the companies' decision to avoid the hearing, but it appears CEOs are unwilling to get grilled by lawmakers seeking ways to address what they see as an underlying cause for incidents

like last week's shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

In a series of speeches on the Senate floor, Brownback has called media material a "common factor" in the demise of the nation's culture and the rise of violence among America's youth.

"The immersion of troubled kids in a violence-glorifying culture is a recipe for disaster," he said during a speech focusing on music lyrics. Brownback added that he invited CEOs and presidents of top media companies to begin a "fruitful discussion on what can be done to protect our children from entertainment which glorifies violence."

Brownback recited lyrics of popular songs, editing out the foulest language, to help lawmakers understand his point. Lyrics to songs such as Dove Shack's "Slap a Ho" and Marilyn Manson's "Irresponsible Hate Anthem" made interesting reading in the staid pages of the Congressional Record.

Lyrics like Manson's "I am the

# CBS

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stations, Karmazin said CBS has nothing to announce. "We have contracts with our affiliates and certainly we honor our contracts." But the industry is changing, he added. "We are watching to see what these other guys are doing."

CBS posted income from continuing operations of \$25 million, or 4 cents a share, from \$19 million, or 3 cents, the year before — soundly beating Wall Street estimates. The latest figure doesn't include a \$366 million gain on the sale of discontinued operations, including the remaining industrial assets of former Westinghouse Electric Co. and some cable properties.

The 1999 quarter also faced tough comparisons as the year-earlier period was buoyed by the Winter Olympics.

Operating profit eased to \$118 million from \$136 million, and revenue slipped slightly to \$1.77 billion from \$1.95 billion. But excluding the Olympics effect, the company said, revenue rose 18%.

CBS Television — which includes the network, the station group and cable — posted an oper-



Karmazin

includes CBS' Eyemark syndication unit.

The radio and outdoor group, Infinity Broadcasting Corp., reported results earlier this week. Operating income rose 53% to \$98 million. Revenue soared 44% to \$474 million.

Separately, CBS announced plans to acquire its Austin affiliate, KEYE-TV, from Granite Broadcasting for \$160 million in cash. The deal — CBS' second station purchase this month — brings its national TV coverage to 34% from 32%, which just about touches the legal cap of 35%. CBS owns three radio stations in Austin.

Granite took in \$25 million-\$40 million more than Wall Streeters expected KEYE to fetch and will be able pay off some debt, analysts said. □

# Fox

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for five years, with options to extend the alliance.

Fox News Online will supply @Home with content developed specifically for broadband, or high-speed Internet service. That include video and large-format photographs that choke telephone modems.

The deal marks the second alliance NADP has struck with a broadband player. NADP agreed to supply Fox News Online and Fox Sports Online content to Road Runner, an online cable service owned by Time Warner Inc., MediaOne Group Inc.,

ism, my hate's a prism/Let's just kill everyone and let your god sort them out/Fuck it" are likely to continue to stoke anti-media sentiment in Congress as violent messages in movies and music have surfaced in discussions about what motivated Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold to walk into their school and kill 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

While Time Warner chairman and CEO Gerald Levin will not attend Brownback's hearing, he recently accused politicians of opportunism in the wake of the April 20 tragedy.

"I can't help but think that tele-

Microsoft Corp. and computer maker Compaq.

The pact also signals @Home's desire to develop content that encourages subscribers to stay within the its empire for Internet-related content.

"We have to deliver an experience," @Home spokesman Matt Wolfrom said.

"We can't be just a pipe; we have to add to our portal to keep their eyeballs."

To that end, @Home has been as aggressive in forging relationships with content players as it has in building its subscription base. The company agreed this year to acquire portal Excite Inc. in a \$6.7 billion transaction (HR 1/20). □

vision is an easy scapegoat. Where is the cry to stop the proliferation of guns?" Levin told the Hollywood Radio and Television Society. □

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Box" will move two-hour "Today's Business" to 5 a.m. ET. Liz Claman and Bob Sellers will be the new anchors of the program, replacing Tom Costello and Sidnie Kohara. Costello will report on the NASDAQ market for CNBC, while Kohara will report for the London bureau. □

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down from \$127 million the year before. Revenue fell 20% to \$1.3 billion. The company doesn't break out the network — which also