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1:25 p.m.

Mr. Sposato, Ms. Payne, Mr. Klaas and Mr. Stokes proceed to the Oval Office.

1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM BEGINS:

- The PRESIDENT, Mr. Sposato, Ms. Payne, Mr. Klaas and Mr. Stokes walk out to the steps of the Rose Garden. (No announcement)
- Dewey Stokes gives opening remarks and introduces Mr. Sposato.
- Mr. Sposato remarks and introduces Janice Payne.
- Ms. Payne remarks and introduces Marc Klaas.
- Mr. Klaas remarks and introduces the PRESIDENT.
- The PRESIDENT remarks.

Following remarks, the PRESIDENT departs.

Note:

There is a small audience (approx. 40) comprised of the guests of the program participants. Police Officers (approx. 10) will stand behind the PRESIDENT and along the Oval Office Colonnade.

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Thomas Sposato
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13. Chief Ira Harris, NOBLE
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14. Sam Cabral, IUPA
(b)(6)

14. Steve Sposato Friend
Roger Snelling
(b)(6)

15. Chief Mitchell
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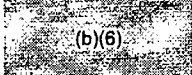
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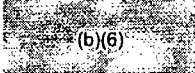


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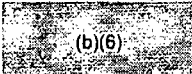


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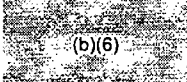
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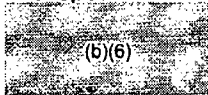
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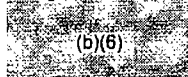
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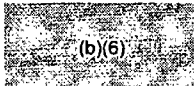


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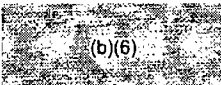


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The Times-Picayune

MAY 31, 1994

TUESDAY

COPING WITH VIOLENCE

Students bid tearful goodbyes

Child's plea lives on

By KIM CHATELAIN
and BILL WALSH
Staff writers

There was none of the typical pre-summer vacation cheer at two New Orleans elementary schools Monday. Instead, there were solemn programs commemorating, not only the end of the school year, but the end of two young lives.

At its ceremony, Mahalia Jackson Elementary School remembered 9-year-old James Darby, releasing a letter the third-grader wrote to President Clinton less than two weeks before a shotgun blast ended his life.

It reads, "I want you to stop the killing in the city. People is dead and I think that some-

body might kill me."

At Laurel Elementary School, a few miles from Jackson, students, parents and faculty paid tribute to 96 fifth-graders who will move onto middle school next year. The 97th student, 10-year-old Durran Burks, was fatally wounded Friday night while riding his bicycle.

Darby and Burks were among three children shot to death in New Orleans in three weeks. Two-year-old Steven Ard died May 21, two days after he was injured in a shootout in which he was used as a shield.

The ceremonies at Laurel and Mahalia Jackson took

See SCHOOL A-7



Dear Mr. Clinton,

I want you to stop the killing in the city. People is dead and I think that somebody might kill me. Be would you please stop the people from killing. I'm asking you nicely to stop it. I want you to do it. So the New you could

Yours friend,
James

School: Solemn ceremony

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their toll on students, parents and faculties.

Time after time, Laurel faculty members urged 96 well-dressed students to smile Monday morning as they walked into the school cafeteria to the music "Pomp and Circumstance." But although the students had followed teachers' instructions over the past nine months, this request was too much for most of them to handle.

Their smiles, like Durran, were conspicuously missing.

The event went on with the usual speeches, songs, applause and flash photography. But there were also eulogies, tears and social workers that set it apart from past ceremonies.

"I know all of your hearts are a little mixed up right now," said Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Judge C. Hearn Taylor, the day's guest speaker. "That's OK. It wouldn't be a heart if it wasn't. Durran's is that empty seat out there. He's number 97."

Most students remained composed during the first portion of the program, which included Taylor's speech. But when the class began singing the song "The Greatest Love of All," about a dozen students broke down and cried. Others remained in their seats, eyes

with tissue that was passed from row to row.

Durran's mother, Pamela Burks, a teacher at Laurel, sat in the front row and wept intermittently.

"It was difficult, but I think they handled it as well as can be expected," Principal Harold E. Johnson Jr. said. "One thing I've noticed is that kids can rise to the occasion."

The students wore black armbands in Durran's memory.

Durran was shot in the 7300 block of Fig Street Friday shortly after 8 p.m. He was riding his bicycle with three other boys when one of the youths pulled a handgun in an apparent attempt to scare Durran. The gun accidentally went off, wounding the boy in the chest. The three youths fled with Durran's bicycle.

The boys — two 12-year-olds and a 14-year-old — were booked with negligent homicide. Their names were not released because of their ages.

At Jackson Elementary, James Darby's sister, Marquita, 7, climbed the stage and accepted her brother's trophy commemorating his perfect third-grade attendance record. His mother, Janice Payne, was presented with a portrait of her son by New Orleans resident Marjie Friedmann, who was inspired to memorialize the boy after learning about his tragic death.



Fifth-graders wear black armbands Monday in memory of their schoolmate Durran Burks. STAFF PHOTO BY TYRONE TURNER

James was the victim of a May 8 drive-by shooting. He died instantly from the shotgun blast while he walked with his family and friends not far from his home on LaSalle Street. A 19-year-old and his 14-year-old brother have been arrested in connection with the shooting.

After the awards ceremony, Janice Payne was given a stack of letters addressed to James from the other members of his third-grade class, and also the eerily prophetic letter that James wrote to Clinton as part of a school assignment.

At Laurel, Assistant Principal Carolyn Blunt told the fifth-graders they should not forget their classmate.

"Durran will not be moving on with you," she said. "I challenge all of you in the name of Durran Burks to continue your education and move up the ladder of success."

At the end of the ceremony, Blunt presented Pamela Burks with her son's certificate of promotion and the two held one another in a long embrace as many parents in the audience sobbed.

"It was a sad and very moving ceremony," said Dorris Webber, whose son, Nathaniel, was in Durran's class from first through fourth grade. "It's not the kind of ceremony I thought it would be when we talked about it last week."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
THE CHILDREN OF THE NEW ORLEANS CHILDREN AND
VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT

Dear Friends:

Thank you for writing to tell me about how America's crime epidemic has affected your lives. As you stated in your letters, we have very serious problems in our nation -- problems that must be fixed.

I was especially moved by the letter from your friend, James Darby, Jr., who told me, "I want you to stop the killing in the city." I am deeply saddened to learn of his tragic death, and I assure each of you that I'm determined to answer James' plea with tough and smart solutions to the crime problems in America.

I appreciate your sharing your stories with me. By working together, we can help prevent such senseless brutality in the future.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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2101 Freret St.
New Orleans, LA. 70126
April 29, 1994

Dear Mr. Clinton,

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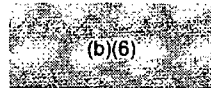


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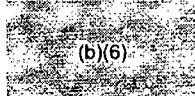


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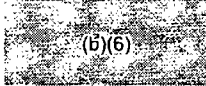
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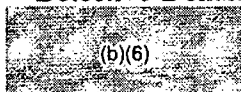
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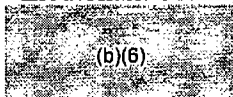
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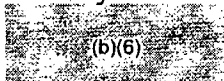


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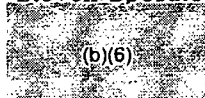
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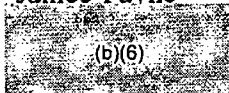
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August 14, 1994

CRIME BILL FIGHT EVENT

DATE: Monday, August 15, 1994
LOCATION: Rose Garden
TIME: 1:30 - 2:15 pm
FROM: Liz Bernstein

I. PURPOSE

This event is to keep up the drumbeat of public pressure since last Thursday's vote on the Crime Bill. All the elements of the bill that we are fighting for will be represented by individuals on the program.

II. BACKGROUND

Steven Sposato

Steve Sposato's wife, Jody, was killed in the San Francisco law office shooting last July. A gunman entered the high-rise with two TEC-DC9 pistols and began randomly shooting at employees, apparently over a disagreement with the firm. Jody was one of eight innocent victims killed, six others were wounded. Steve has an 18-month-old daughter, Meghan.

Steve spoke very eloquently about his wife's death at the assault weapons ban rally we had in the Rose Garden on April 25. He has testified before Congress, done numerous media interviews, and personally lobbied individual Members.

You met with him and his family (daughter Meghan) briefly after the event in the Oval Office.

Janice Payne (mother of James Darby)

James Darby, 9, was shot in the head as he walked home with his family from a Mother's Day picnic at a park in New Orleans. The bullet was fired from a shotgun pointed out the window of a car which pulled within a few feet of the crowd. James died instantly on the sidewalk about a block from his home.

Two brothers, aged 19 and 14, were arrested and booked in the killing, which police believed began as a fistfight during a football game at the park.

It was New Orleans' 162nd homicide of the year, but James was the youngest victim. Nine days before the shooting, James wrote this letter to you:

Dear Mr. Clinton,

I want you to stop the killing in the city. People is dead and I think that somebody might kill me. So would you please stop the people from deading. I'm asking you nicely to stop it. I know you can do it. Do it. I know you could.

Your friend,
James

Janice Payne, who witnessed her son's murder, wants to come to Washington so that James will not be forgotten. She believes that the publicity will continue to focus attention on the nation's crime problem and hopes it will help prevent the deaths of other children.

She is 29 years old, works as a nursing assistant and has a 7-year-old daughter named Marquita.

Marc Klaas

As you know, Marc is the father of Polly Klaas. You met with him in the Oval Office last December to discuss the Crime Bill, Three-Strikes legislation, and other efforts to protect children.

Polly Klaas, 12, was abducted at knife point October 1, 1993, from a slumber party at her home. Richard Allen Davis, a twice-convicted kidnapper, was arrested on November 30, and confessed to her kidnapping and murder. Davis was released on parole in June, 1993 after serving half of a 16-year sentence for a 1985 kidnapping.

III. PARTICIPANTS

On the Program

Dewey Stokes, President, Fraternal Order of Police
Steven Sposato (wife killed in San Francisco law office)
Janice Payne (mother of James Darby)
Marc Klaas
The President

Audience

Police Officers (note: the officers behind you on the podium are the same ones who were there when we first announced the Crime Bill in the Rose Garden last summer)
Relatives and friends of individuals on the program.

IV. PRESS

Open press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- * You will be briefed in the Oval Office at 1:15.
- * In between the briefing and the event you will meet for a few minutes with the individuals on the program.
- * You and the participants will walk out to the Rose Garden together.
- * Dewey Stokes will give opening remarks. He will introduce Steve Sposato.
- * Mr. Sposato will introduce Janice Payne.
- * Ms. Payne will introduce Marc Klaas.
- * Mr. Klaas will introduce you.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks to be provided by the speechwriting department.