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Superintendent's Office

FAX

Date: 5/19 Pages including cover 4

To: Chris

Fax #: ~~Hee~~ 202-456-6701

From: Helen Neal

MESSAGE

Families of Deceased Students for Meeting with President		
Student	Family Members	Dakota Ridge
Cassie Bernall	Brad and Misty Bernall Chris Bernall (son, 15 freshman at Columbine) Hal and Laura Jones (grandparents) Lee and Jasmine Jorgensen (grandparents)	7
Steven Curnow	<u>Father:</u> Bob Curnow Bill (brother) and Kathy Curnow Jill Curnow (niece) Ryan Curnow (nephew)	5
	<u>Mother:</u> Sue Curnow Nancy Curnow (daughter, age 19) Ray and Charlotte Brandenburger (grandparents) Richard Brandenburger Jim Brandenburger	4
Corey DePooter	Neal and Patricia DePooter Jena DePooter (daughter, 15, student at Columbine)	3
Kelly Fleming	Don and Dee Fleming Erin Fleming (daughter, age 18)	3
Matthew Kechter	Joe and Ann Kechter Adam Kechter (son, age 12)	0
Daniel Mauser	Tom and Linda Mauser Christine Mauser (daughter, age 13)	0
Daniel Rohrbough	Sue and Rich Petrone (mother and stepf.) Brian Rohrbough (father) Lisa Mauer Matt Petrone (son, age 21) Nicole Petrone (daughter, age 17) Andrew Petrone (son, age 13)	7
William Sanders	Linda Sanders (wife) Angela Sanders (daughter) Connie Sanders (daughter) Cindy Thuiroin (daughter) Melody Smith (Linda's sister) Rich Jarman (nephew)	7

Rachel Scott	<u>Mother:</u> Beth Scott and Larry Nimmo Dana Scott (daughter) Don and Betheny McCandless (sister and spouse) Craig Scott (son, 16, student at Columbine) Michael Scott (son)	7
	<u>Father:</u> Darrell Scott and Sandy Hollingshead Cory Hollingshead (son, age 20) Tyler Hollingshead (son, age 17) Billy Eperhart (family counselor) Larry Scott (son) Jeff Scott	7
Isaiah Shoels	Michael and Vonda Shoels Melissa Shoels (daughter) Michelle Shoels (daughter) Anthony Shoels (son) Baka Shoels (son/daughter) Sam Riddel (advisor)	7
John Tomlin	Not Coming	0
Lauren Townsend	<u>Father:</u> Rick and Sue Townsend	2
	<u>Mother:</u> Bruce Beck and Dawn Anna Josh Townsend (son) Kristin Townsend (daughter) Shane Frakes (Kristin's fiancé)	5
Kyle Velasquez	Al and Phyllis Velasquez Daniel Velasquez (son age 21) Rose Cordova (aunt) Gloria Alire (aunt) Krista Velasquez and baby, Andrea (Daniel's fiancé)	7
Victim Advocates	Betzy Biknase Beverly Wiese Danielle Rice Paula Kittay Karen Joyce-McMahon Carrie Wecker Rachael Nelson Diane Breuske Carol Malegiza	7

Superintendent	Jane Hammond and Gene Huddle	2
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May 17, 1999

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TO Setti Warren/Chris Balderston

From: Marilyn Saltzman

Re: Letter from the President to Jeff Co staff

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(presidential seal)

May 20, 1999

To the district staff of Jefferson County Public Schools

Words cannot adequately reflect the depth of the sorrow and shock that our nation has felt over the past few weeks following the tragedy at Columbine High School on April 20. It has been just one month since the tragedy at Columbine, yet the events of that day continue to resonate throughout our country as we search our hearts, souls, and minds for a solution to youth violence.

Today, the First Lady and I will be visiting with families of the victims to privately express our personal sympathies and condolences. As parents, we can only imagine the anguish and sadness they are feeling. Later in the day, we will meet with the students and staff of Columbine High School in a special closed assembly to share with them the nation's deep sense of loss and active concern for their well being.

You should know that as we visit your school district today, our thoughts and prayers will be with you as well. When the eyes of the world were focused on the Jefferson County Public Schools you came through as true professionals. Your dedication, compassion, and outstanding efforts were clearly evident and essential in dealing with this monumental crisis for your community. Your ongoing support and commitment to serving the needs of your students, their families and the community will be invaluable as the healing process continues in the months ahead.

Hillary and I would like to extend to you our sincere thank you for all that you do to shape the future for the children of Jefferson County.

Regards,

Bill Clinton
President of the United States

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* Regional Administrator

LIST OF THINGS

- Girls Soccer Team

- N. Hunt Scholars

CALLS TO Injured 6:30 - 8 PM

Rev. Gary Hunter 212/265-0000
Isiah Shales

~~Jepp Co has not invited
Cong del. (local)~~

~~* injured calls~~

* VP trip bios
when VP met families

* Tell Jepp emergency workers
(should not stand up) invited (in remarks?)

invite families
* of kids in hospital

* Deliverables -> Star

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1999

REMARKS TO THE COLUMBINE COMMUNITY

DATE: May 20, 1999
LOCATION: Dakota Ridge High School
Jefferson County, Colorado
TIME: 3:45 – 4:15p.m.
FROM: Kris M. Balderston
Sean P. O'Shea

I. Purpose

To deliver remarks to the Jefferson County, Colorado, community after the recent school shootings.

II. Background

The Columbine High School students recently joined students at nearby Chatfield High School to resume classes after the shooting. Although the Columbine students are attending classes at Chatfield, you will be speaking at Dakota Ridge High School since classes will be in recess during your remarks. Dakota Ridge expressed interest in helping the students of Columbine and they feel this is their opportunity.

This gathering will include a variety of groups who have been dealing with the Columbine school shootings throughout the last month. Those in attendance will anticipate a forward-looking message. Seniors from Columbine, who will be in the audience, will graduate in two days, on May 22. The commencement is continuing as planned and will also have a similar theme of looking toward the future.

III. Participants

YOU

The First Lady

Jon DeStefano, School Board President, Jefferson County School District

Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District

Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School

Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School

IV. Press Plan

POOL PRESS

V. Sequence of Events

- Off Stage Announcement of YOU, the First Lady, Dr. Jane Hammond, Jon DeStefano, Frank DeAngelis, and Heather Dinkell.
- Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, welcomes and introduces Principal Frank DeAngelis.
- Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine High School, delivers brief remarks and introduces Ms. Dinkel.
- Heather Dinkel, Columbine High School Student Body President, delivers brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady delivers brief remarks and introduces YOU.
- YOU deliver brief remarks.
- YOU work a ropeline.
- YOU depart.

NOTE: John Cougar Mellencamp will have performed prior to your arrival.

VI. Remarks

To be prepared by speechwriting.

VII. Audience

Injured Columbine Students With Whom You Spoke over the Telephone:

Sean Graves

Patrick Ireland

Groups:

Columbine High School Students

Columbine Student who have recovered from their physical injuries (seated in separate section)

Families of Shooting Victims

Emergency Workers and Police

Columbine High School Faculty

Chatfield and Dakota Ridge Student Government Representatives

Elected Officials:

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar

Colorado Senate Majority Leader Tom Blickensderfer

Colorado State Senator Ed Perlmutter

Colorado State Senator Bryant Sullivant

Colorado State Senator Jim Congrove

Colorado State Senator John Evans

Colorado State Senator Norma Anderson

Colorado State Representative Mark Paschall

Colorado State Representative Penn Pfiffer

Colorado State Representative Glenn Scott
Colorado State Representative Scott McKay
Colorado State Representative John Witwer
Colorado State Representative Don Lee
Colorado State Representative Maryann Keller
Colorado State Representative Sue Windels
Littleton Mayor Pat Cronenberg
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Irma L. Martin
05/19/99 07:11

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To: Kris M Balderston DP@EOP, Sean P. O'Shea/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject: hot issues blurb and DOEd on littleton victims:

Energy:

Shootings at Columbine High School: Bob Curnow, a DOE Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) employee, lost his 14 year old son (Steven Curnow) in the Littleton, CO shootings. Five other families at WAPA had children at Columbine High School on April 20; the wife of an employee at DOE's Rocky Flats Facility also works at the high school. No other injuries were reported. Secretary Richardson called the Curnow family to express his condolences and send a letter to all the DOE families involved with the high school. (DOE)

Education:

Federal Employees Whose Children Were Victims of Columbine Shootings: Several victims of the Columbine shooting were children of Federal employees. Stephen Robert Curnow was the son of his father, Robert Curnow, has been a contract employee of the Western Area Power Administration since 1981. Anne Marie Hochhalter is hospitalized in serious condition. Her father, J.W. (Ted) Hochhalter, works for the Bureau of Reclamation. Robert Castaldo is hospitalized in serious condition.

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To: Laura A. Graham [mailto:LAUGRAH@EOP]
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Updated CO Governor's Office

Governor Owens will not be participating in any part of the trip.

DENVER AIRPORT GREETINGS 10 PM:

Atty General Ken Salazar
House Minority Leader Ken Benning (D)
Denver Deputy Mayor Robert I. Goyia (Acting)
Denver City Council President-Don Tem Cathy Reynolds

DAKOTA RIDGE HS GREETINGS 10 PM:

Jeffco District Attorney Thomas
Jeffco Sheriff John Stone
Jeffco Commissioner Richard E. Egan
Jeffco Commissioner Michael J. Lawrence
Jeffco Manager Ron H. H. H.
State Senator Ed Perlman
State Rep Don Lee (R)
State Rep Rob Fairbank
State Senator Norma Anderson
Senate Majority Leader Tim Wensderfer (R) (T)
State Rep Sue Windels
Littleton Mayor Pat Cronin

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JAYCEE A. FLECK

05/19/99 05:06:15 PM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc: Cheri L. Stockham/W/IC EOP@EOP

Subject: STAFF VAN DEPARTURE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO COLORADO ON MAY 20, 1999

Staff vans will depart the West Casement at 10:00am tomorrow May 20, 1999 for Andrews AFB.

Please call Jaycee with questions

Thanks. Jaycee.

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Message Sent To: _____



Jeffrey A. Shesol
05/19/99 01:14:47 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP@EOP, Laura A. Graham/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: final draft Littleton remarks

Revised Draft 05/19/99 4:00pm

Jeff Shesol

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO STUDENTS OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
DAKOTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO
May 20, 1999**

Acknowledgments: the First Lady; Gov. Bill Owens; Rep. Diana DeGette [de-GET]; Rep. Scott McInnis TBD; Jon DeStefano, Jefferson County School Board Pres., Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine H.S.; Heather Dinkle, Student Body Pres., Columbine H.S.; student council reps. from Chatfield H.S. & Dakota Ridge H.S.; emergency workers; all the students & faculty of Columbine; the families of those killed and injured.

I want to thank everyone here for inviting Hillary and me to join you here in Jefferson County, to talk and to listen and to spend time with you. I particularly want to thank the families we met with earlier today at the Light of the World Catholic Church.

This has been a long, difficult month for them, for all of you and for all America. You have suffered losses of the most terrible kind. You've lost friends, and family, and a certain kind of innocence that no young person should have to part with so soon or so suddenly. And what you're left with is a lot of unanswered questions. There may be some truth to some of the easy answers, but ultimately, we don't really understand much beyond how badly we feel. Lately I've been thinking of an old hymn I used to hear in Arkansas. It goes: "Further along we know all about it. Further along we'll understand why. Rise up, my brothers, and walk in the sunshine. Further along we'll understand why."

You've heard a lot of condolences in the past month, and there's little I can add to the many thoughts and prayers that, I hope, have reached you from around the world. But I have come to Colorado because I want you to know how much America cares about you, and how very much we have learned from all of you. This kind of incident is like a flash of lightning: it can blind us, but it can also illuminate. When we look at Jefferson County, many of us see a community that looks like our own; and we know that if acts of evil can happen here, they

can happen elsewhere. But we also see a community that is fundamentally sound and strong. I think most Americans would hope that if they had to face the terrible trials you have faced, they would respond with the same compassion and courage.

Like the hymn says: you are rising up, walking in the sunshine, moving forward. You've returned to school. You've returned to sports, like the remarkable Girls' Soccer team I've heard so much about. Even though you didn't win the championship, the important thing is that you were out there playing. All of you, in your own ways, are looking toward the future, whether it's commencement and college or, right now, just a summer job. These may sound like ordinary things -- the stuff of life, and that's what they are; but under the circumstances, they take an effort that is truly extraordinary. Even though the worst has happened, you have reached within yourselves and summoned what is best. I am proud of you -- and you should be proud of what you've done.

I think what has impressed me the most these past weeks is the way you have held fast to your faith. It is a remarkable thing. Just watching these events on television, or reading about them in the papers, a lot of people have been shaken to their foundations. And still -- despite all you've endured -- you still believe in the goodness and grace of a loving God. The rest of us can see how your faith anchors you. It strengthens and sustains you. It is a powerful thing, and a powerful thing to behold.

I know many of you are still hurting. You are in mourning, and that's going to hurt for a long time. But while we mourn, we can also learn. We can learn and -- more important -- we can act. There is no better way to transcend this tragedy, or to honor the lives you have lost, than to use what you have learned to create a better future. A future where hatred and distrust no longer distort the mind or corrupt the soul. A future where what we have in common is more important than what drives us apart. A future worthy of our full potential as individuals, as communities, and as a nation. If you build that future, it would be the most powerful monument you could make to the lives you've lost.

Across America, we've already started building that better future. You've had a lot to do with that. I'm not sure if you know how true that is. You're at the epicenter of an enormous shockwave, and it's changing a lot of the American landscape -- the way we think about our schools, our families, ourselves. You've touched our hearts and stirred us to action. We've even set up a national campaign to make sure we seize this moment and make it a time of real and lasting change. I know that after meeting all of you, I'll return to Washington even more convinced that there is more we must do to replace the culture of violence with a culture of values; more we must do to keep guns out of the wrong hands; and more we must do to ensure that every vulnerable child is identified early, and gets the help they need.

Two days from now is Columbine's commencement. I know it will be bittersweet -- not everything you hoped it would be when you first walked through those doors as freshmen. For one thing, you couldn't have imagined that your rivals at Chatfield would be cheering you on. Even for those of you who have another year or two -- or three -- to go, I urge you to think of graduation day as another important step you take together, walking in that sunshine,

moving forward through life's journey. In the Book of Isaiah, it says: "Your sun shall set no more, and your moon no more withdraw; for the Lord shall be a light to you forever, and your days of mourning shall be ended." Thank you and God bless you.



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To: Kris M Balderston/WHO/LOP@EOP, Sean P. O'Shea/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Owens/Salazar bios

FYI

----- Forwarded by William H. White Jr./WHO/EOP on 05/19/99 01:41 PM -----



Todd A. Bledsoe
05/19/99 01:40:12 PM

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Governor Bill Owens of Colorado
Birthdate: October 22, 1950
Family: Married; three children
Religion: Catholic
Spouse: Frances
Party: Republican
Elected: November 1998
Term Expires: January 2003

BILL F. OWENS was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Austin State University, graduating in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He was awarded a two-year fellowship to the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, where he received a master's degree in public administration in 1975. After graduating, Owens joined the accounting firm of Touche Ross & Company in Washington, D.C. as a management consultant. He moved to Colorado in 1977 to work with the management team at the Gates Corporation in Denver. He was named executive director of a statewide trade association in 1980. Owens chaired the Aurora Planning Commission from 1979 to 1981 and served in the state legislature from 1982 to 1994. He was elected state treasurer in 1994. During his tenure, he sponsored legislation that created charter schools, toughened prison sentences, modernized state child abuse statutes, and helped reform Colorado's tort system.

Ken Salazar is a fifth generation Coloradan elected as the 36th Colorado Attorney General in November, 1998. As Colorado Attorney General, he oversees the Colorado Department of Law and works on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado on many legal issues including water and environmental, criminal justice, and consumer protection matters. As Attorney General, he also serves on the Colorado Water Conservation Board and is chairman of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

Ken and his family have been ranchers and farmers in the San Luis Valley since the 1850's. He attended St. Francis Seminary and graduated from Centauri High School in 1973, received his political science degree from Colorado College in 1977, and his law degree in 1981 from the University of Michigan. He also received an honorary doctorate of laws from Colorado College in 1993.

Ken has been a farmer, natural resources lawyer, and small business owner in Colorado. He has served as chief legal counsel to the Governor, executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, and chairman of the Rio Grande Compact Commission. Ken has also practiced water, environmental and public lands law for eleven years at the Denver law firms of Sherman & Howard and Parcel, Mauro, Hultin & Spaanstra.

As Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Ken managed a \$90 million budget and two thousand employees with responsibilities over Colorado's land, water, wildlife, mineral resources, and state parks and trails. He worked to protect Colorado's water, crafted legislative reforms in mining and oil and gas, and created the Youth in Natural Resources program where hundreds of Colorado's youth have had the opportunity to work and learn about natural resources. Ken was one of the architects of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust and served as the first chairperson of the Great Outdoors Colorado Board until March 1994.

Ken has served on many boards and commissions including the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund Advisory Committee, the State Board of Equalization, and selection committees for Denver District Attorney, United States Attorney, and Federal District Court judges in Colorado. He has also served on many nonprofit boards including the University of Colorado Natural Resources Law Center Advisory Board, the American-Israel Friendship League, and the Board of Directors of one of Denver's public non-commercial FM radio stations. Ken is a member of the American Farmland Trust President's Council.

He has been active in bar association activities and has served as second vice-president of the Denver Bar Association.

Ken and his wife, Hope, have two daughters, Melinda, age 11, and Andrea, age 10.

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June 3
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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1.15 • Arrive Church
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2.30 POTUS

90min

Injured in special section

Make calls in the ~~and~~ hospital
(5 kids)

1 pm Priv. Mtgs

LITTLETON
→ Ricki S (has news on LITTLETON INVESTIGATE)

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→ * DANIEL MAUSER has met FLOTUS

FLOTUS - 3-5 min

POTUS - 10 min

→ will friends of each other & there

- NATURALIZET
- CLOSURE

Romer going?

END - upbeat!

Lessons we've drawn

deliberates



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RE: **PRESIDENT WILLIAM CLINTON'S TELEPHONE CALLS
to INJURED STUDENTS REMAINING in HOSPITALS**

DATE: May 19, 1999

Here is the information you requested for President William Clinton to place telephone calls to those Columbine High School students who remain hospitalized.

PATRICK IRELAND, 17

Craig Hospital

Telephone Number: 303-789-8000 Ext. 2121

Notes: Ask for Patrick Ireland directly.

SEAN GRAVES, 15

Craig Hospital

Telephone Number: 303-788-7007 (direct to Sean's room)

Notes: Ask for Randy Graves, father; Sean will be able to talk with the President.

ANN MARIE HOCHHALTER, 17

Swedish Hospital

Telephone Number: 303-788-7023 (direct to Ann Marie's room)

Notes: Ask for Ted (father) or Karla (mother); Ann Marie is still very sick and may or may not be able to talk with the President; Name is phonically spoken "Hoek-halter."



Jeffrey A. Shesol
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Draft 05/18/99 10:45pm
Jeff Shesol

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO STUDENTS OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
DAKOTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO
May 20, 1999**

Acknowledgments: the First Lady; Jon DeStefano, Jefferson County School Board Pres., Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent; Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine H.S.; Heather Dinkle, Student Body Pres., Columbine H.S.; student council reps. from Chatfield H.S. & Dakota Ridge H.S.; emergency workers; all the students & faculty of Columbine; the families of those killed and injured.

I want to thank everyone here for inviting Hillary and me to join you here in Jefferson County, to talk and to listen and to spend time with you. I particularly want to thank the families we met with earlier today at the Light of the World Catholic Church.

This has been a long, difficult month for them, for all of you and for all America. You have suffered losses of the most terrible kind. You've lost friends, and family, and a certain kind of innocence that no young person should have to part with so soon or so suddenly. And what you're left with is a lot of unanswered questions. There may be some truth to some of the easy answers, but ultimately, we don't really understand much beyond how badly we feel. It makes me think of an old hymn I used to hear in Arkansas. It goes: "Further along we know all about it. Further along we'll understand why. Rise up, my brothers, and walk in the sunshine. Further along we'll understand why."

You've heard a lot of condolences in the past month, and there's little I can add to the many thoughts and prayers that, I hope, have reached you from around the world. But I have come to Colorado because I want you to know how much America cares about you, and how very much we have learned from all of you. This kind of incident is like a flash of lightning: it can blind us, but it can also illuminate. When we look at Jefferson County, many of us see a community that looks like our own; and we know that if acts of evil can happen here, they

can happen elsewhere. But we also see a community that is fundamentally sound and strong. I think most Americans would hope that if they had to face the terrible trials you have faced, they would respond with the same compassion and courage.

Like the hymn says, you are rising up, walking in the sunshine, moving forward. You've returned to school. You've returned to sports, like the remarkable Girls' Soccer team I'm hearing so much about. And you're looking to the future, toward commencement and beyond. These may sound like ordinary things, the stuff of life, and that's what they are; but under the circumstances, they take an effort that is truly extraordinary. Even though the worst has happened, you have reached within yourselves and summoned what is best. I am proud of you -- and you should be proud of what you've done.

I think what has impressed me the most these past weeks is the way you have held fast to your faith. It is a remarkable thing. Just watching these events on television, or reading about them in the papers, a lot of people have been shaken to their foundations. And still -- despite all you've endured -- you still believe in the goodness and grace of a loving God. The rest of us can see how your faith anchors you. It strengthens and sustains you. It is a powerful thing, and a powerful thing to behold.

I know many of you are still hurting. You are in mourning, and that's going to hurt for a long time. But while we mourn, we can also learn. And we can act. There is no better way to transcend this tragedy, or to honor the lives you have lost, than to stay focused on your future, and all the ways you can make it a better one. You can continue to show us, as you have in recent weeks, that no divisions are so wide they cannot be bridged. You can continue to demonstrate how much we have in common with people we might once have thought were so different. And you can help us change this culture of violence -- and build in its place a culture of values that we will be proud to pass on to future generations.

Across America, we've already started building that better future. You've had a lot to do with that. I'm not sure if you know how true that is. You're at the epicenter of an enormous shockwave, and it's changing a lot of the American landscape -- the way we think about our schools, our families, ourselves. You've touched our hearts, shaken us from slumber, and stirred us to action. We've even set up a national campaign to make sure we seize this moment and make it a time of real and lasting change. I know that after visiting you, I'm going to return to Washington fired by the conviction that there is more we must do to change the culture of violence; more we must do to keep guns out of the wrong hands; and more we must do ensure that every vulnerable child is identified early, and gets the help they need.

In two days, I understand, is Columbine's commencement. I know it will be a bittersweet occasion -- not everything you hoped it would be when you first walked through those doors as freshmen. For one thing, you couldn't have imagined that your rivals at Chatfield would be cheering you on. Even for those of you who have another year or two -- or three -- to go, I urge you to think of graduation day as another important step you take together, walking in that sunshine, moving forward through life's journey. In the Book of

Isaiah, it says: "Your sun shall set no more, and your moon no more withdraw; for the Lord shall be a light to you forever, and your days of mourning shall be ended."

Thank you and God bless you.

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MESSAGE

List for President's calls
to injured hospitalized
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MESSAGE

update for calls to injured
Columbine students
also included mental health/counseling
services. we're offered to students
& community

Sorry for the delay.
haven't talked to the Taylors directly but
their victim advocate believes they would

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Jefferson County Public Schools

District Response – Mental Health / Counseling

Mental Health

1. Crisis Responders immediately sent to the site
2. Set up Light of the World Church as a Resource Headquarters for the community at-large
3. West Bowles Community Church set up as center for Columbine students, staff and parents
4. Drop-In Center established at Ascott Center, offering free counseling for anyone in the community
5. Phone number to call for counselors --- established at Jefferson Center for Mental Health
 - For debriefings --- important to avoid Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - For “Roving Responders -- many, many kids/families gather at homes, restaurants, etc. to discuss tragedy, community can call and someone would come to them wherever they are located, to facilitate the group, give parents tips on how to approach kids, family in discussion
 - For staff meetings --- to offer discussion opportunities, written flyers, books on grief, etc.

Structures

1. Information Center established
 - Dispel rumor
 - Provide accurate information
 - Information anyone of the services available
2. Crisis Response Resource Center for schools
 - All mental health professionals in schools were stationed in their own buildings to work with their own kids (kids work better with folks they know)
 - Assume every school will need additional resources
 - Call Resource Center (303-982-9988), staffed with highly trained professionals
 - who know our schools
 - have a relationship with our schools
 - or are agencies in our community
 - Priority for brokering services
 - Jefferson County agency (i.e., Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Jefferson County Health Dept.)
 - Identified other metro area school personnel trained in crisis response
 - All 2000+ individuals who called in and offered their services (i.e., individuals, metro agencies, agencies from other states) --- processed through a credentialing process coordinated out of the Colorado Department of Mental Health

District Level

3. Columbine Parent Meeting
 - Dr. Scott Poland, American School of Psychologists Assn., provided information on
 - How they might respond to their children
 - Warning signs
 - Importance of mental health services
 - How to support their kids

4. Training Sessions for all District mental health professionals
 - Marleen Wong, director of Crisis Team, Los Angeles Unified School District and national consultant on disasters (i.e., OKC, Springfield shooting, LA riots), offered three 3-hour training sessions for District counselors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers
 - Focused on the nature of this crisis
 - Brush up on their skills
 - All personnel on "the same page" in response
5. National organizations meeting with District leadership team
 - Leaders from communities who have experienced crisis (i.e., OKC, LA riots, Springfield shootings) shared tips and pointers for us to take into consideration as we make decisions

School level

6. Work with groups of students
 - Students who were where shootings occurred
 - Student body at-large
 - Kids absent on April 20
 - Friends of the shooters
 - Friends of the victims
 - Wounded children
7. Whole school support
 - Planned First day back
 - Met in all school assembly with school leaders
 - Next class (5th period, when shootings occurred) --- extra counselors, staff were available
 - Whole school debriefing while in 5th period, facilitated over the intercom
 - Students reported to remainder of classes, familiarize themselves with the building, in touch with teachers
 - At end of day, teachers agreed to be available so students could meet with their favorite teacher if they choose to do so.
8. Students who are traumatized mentally or unable to come to school (at home) (known in about a week), Betty Fitzpatrick, 303-982-7251, coordinating
 - Outreach efforts are made individually
 - Home bound services available
 - Other education plans made to complete their credits for the year
9. As long as Columbine feels it necessary, available to support staff and students
 - Pool of retired teachers, counselors, administrators
 - Mental health workers
 - Colorado organization of victim assistance (COVA)

Region 62239

Immediate Family

STUDENT	PARENTS	SIBLINGS
		Hal and Laura Jones Lee and Desmond ^{grandparents} Jorgensen
Cassie Bernall	Misty and Brad Bernall	Chris (age 15) also student at Columbine
Steve Curnow	Bob and Sue Curnow (divorced)	Nancy (age 19) mtg separately
Corey DePooter	Neil and Patricia DePooter	Jena (age 15) also student at Columbine
Kelly Fleming	Don and Dee Fleming	
Matthew Kechter	Joe and Ann Kechter	Adam (6 th -7 th grade)
Daniel Mauser	Tom and Linda Mauser	Christie (age 12)
Daniel Rohrbough	Sue Petrone (mother) Rich Petrone (stepfather) Brian Rohrbough (father)	stepbrother
Isaiah Shoels	Michael and Vonda Shoels Sam 2nd	4 younger brothers and sisters (age 7-14)
Rachel Scott	Beth Scott (mother) Larry Nimmo (stepfather) Darrell Scott (father)	Craig (older brother) also student at Columbine
John Tomlin	John and Doreen Tomlin	Brother (8 th grade - freshman in fall) Sister (age 9)
Lauren Townsend	Dawn Anna (mother) Bruce Beck (stepfather) Rick Townsend (father) Sue Townsend (stepmother)	Children living with Becks: Josh, Matt, Kristen Townsend Grown children: Christy Svendsen, Kathy Johnson, Richard Hirschman
Kyle Velasquez	Albert and Phyllis Velasquez	Older brother, Daniel Out of school
Williams Sanders (Teacher)	Linda Lou Sanders (wife)	3 daughters, 10 grandchildren
Shooters		
Eric Harris	Wayne and Kathy Harris	
Dylan Klebold	Thomas and Susan Klebold	

No

Bill/Kathy Curnow → parents
(Gina/Ryan)?

Sue Curnow
Ray/Charlotte Brandenburger (grand)

Victim Advocate

TRAGEDY

IN OUR TOWN

Friends of Mine

Teens, teacher had dreams for a bright future

Casale Bernal, 17

Two years ago became a born-again Christian. Was active in church youth programs and Bible study groups. Hung out with a nihilistic group in middle school. Recently visited Britain. Favorite movie was Mel Gibson's "Braveheart."



Casale Bernal

Matthew Kechter, 18

A junior, had hoped to start for the football team. Lifted weights. Played on offensive and defensive lines. Maintained a average.



Matthew Kechter

five grandchildren. Shot twice in chest while directing students down hallway to safety. Survived at least three hours until students were rescued.

Bench-pressed twice his weight. Shot in the head because he was black and an athlete, witnesses said.

John Tomlin, 16

Enjoyed driving off-road in his beat-up Chevy pickup. Worked after school in a gardening store and belonged to a church youth group. Went on missionary trip to Mexico with family last year and built a house for poor people. Planned to enlist in the Army in two years.



John Tomlin

Steven Curnow, 14

A freshman, dreamed of being a Navy top gun and piloting an F-16. Watched the "Star Wars" movies so often he could recite dialogue. Played soccer as a boy; learned to referee to earn pocket money.



Curnow

Daniel Mauser, 15

A sophomore, excelled in math and science, and earned straight A's on last report card. Ran cross country and joined debate team. Recently returned from two-week trip to Paris with French club.



Daniel Mauser

Never in our wildest dreams did we ever imagine we would be here to mourn so many young, innocent victims.

Patricia Holloway
Jefferson County Commissioner

Corey DePooter, 17

Loved to golf, hunt and fish. Former wrestler. Recently took maintenance job at a golf club to save up for a boat with a friend. Good student. Had wisdom teeth removed this year and was frustrated that it forced him to miss school.



Corey DePooter

Daniel Rohrbaugh, 15

Helped in his father's electronics business and worked on family farms in Kansas during the summer. Enjoyed computer games, stereo and home theater systems. Shot while holding exit door open for fleeing students.



Daniel Rohrbaugh

Rachel Scott, 17

Played lead in a student-written school play, "Smoke in the Room." Active in Celebration Christian Fellowship church. Liked photography. During rampage, younger brother Craig, 16, played dead in library and helped lead others to safety.



Rachel Scott

Kelly Fleming, 16

Aspiring songwriter and author. Wrote scores of poems and short stories based on her life experiences. Was learning to play guitar. Moved from Phoenix 10 months ago. Was eager to get her driver's license and part-time job.



Kelly Fleming

William "Dave" Sanders, 47

Computer and business teacher for 24 years. Coached girls' basketball and softball; basketball team posted winning record in his first year, 1997-98 after finishing next to last the year before. Married with at least two daughters and



Dave Sanders

Isiah Shoals, 18

Due to graduate in May. Suffered health problems as a child and had heart surgery twice. Wanted to attend an arts college and become a music executive. Small in stature, but lifted weights and played football and wrestled.



Isiah Shoals

The Injured

Conditions as of Monday noon:

Valerie Schnurr, 18, who received shrapnel and bullet wounds to the chest, is in fair condition in the multi trauma unit at Swedish Medical Center. A hospital spokesperson said doctors were hopeful she would be able to return home early this week.

Ten other victims of the school shootings still remain in the hospital. Their conditions are as follows:

Swedish Medical Center

Anne Marie Hochhalter, 17, who sustained a gunshot wound in the chest, remains in serious condition in the critical care unit. A hospital spokesperson said Hochhalter had a restful night Sunday.

Richard Castaldo, 17, is in fair condition, and is improving in the critical care unit. He suffered five gunshot wounds to the chest, back and arm.

Spenn Graves, 15, who received a gunshot wound to the back, and three wounds to the abdomen, is in fair condition in the multi trauma unit.

Denver Health Medical Center
Lisa Kreutz, 18, has been upgraded to fair condition. She received multiple gunshot wounds.

Lance Kirkin, 16, who received multiple gunshot wounds to the face, chest and legs, is in critical condition. He underwent 15 hours of surgery on his face on Saturday. A spokesperson said Kirkin is doing relatively well after the surgery.

Jeanne Park, 18, remains in fair condition. She suffered gunshot wounds to the legs and shoulder.

Centura St. Anthony Central Hospital

Kasay Rueggsegger, 17, who suffered a gunshot wound, was transferred to Presbyterian St. Lukes Hospital for further treatment.

Patrick Ireland, 17, who suffered a gunshot wound, is in fair condition.

A 15-year-old unidentified male remains in critical condition.

University Hospital

Sixteen-year-old Mark Taylor is in fair condition. He suffered gunshot wounds to the arm, body and legs.

Released victims

Jennifer Doyle, Makai Hall, Mark Kintgen, Nicole Nowlen, Danny Steapleton, Brian Anderson, Stephen Austin Eubanks, Nicholas Foss, Joyce Jankowski, Adam Klynar, Stephanie Munson, and Patricia Nielsen.

Compiled by the Associated Press

TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

Together in prayer



Columbine High students Andy McDonald, left, and Kent Kochsmeier kneel in prayer Thursday at a snow-covered memorial near the school. Hundreds of students have taken time to remember those killed and wounded in Tuesday's shootings.

Freshman hoped aviation would take him higher

By Steve Cauley
News Staff Writer

Steven Curnow, a 14-year-old freshman who loved aviation and soccer, was one of those who died at Columbine High School at the hands of gunmen Tuesday.

"His dream was to join the Navy and become a pilot of an F-16," his family said in a statement Thursday. "He loved anything that had to do with flying and the military."

He also had a passion for the *Star Wars* movies, reciting the actors' lines after multiple viewings.

He collected books about the movies and reread them regularly.

The new *Star Wars* movie is due to debut May 19, and he was anticipating it eagerly, his family said.

He also enjoyed soccer, and worked part-time as a soccer referee.

"He played from the time he was five, through the YMCA and later for Club Columbine, now the Rush," the family's statement said. "When he kicked the ball it was like a rocket coming at you. Other players would duck or fall to the ground if hit by the ball."

The family thanked the community for its support, saying it was especially helpful during the family's wait for news about their son.

"It wasn't the news we wanted to hear, but all of the volunteers from the various agencies and the community were a wealth of support for us," they said.

They added, "He was a great kid and it's hard to imagine life without him in it."

Family members were not available for further comment.

There was no word about funeral services.



Curnow

Football player was sweet, shy, friends recall

By Sue Lindsay
News Staff Writer

Friends described Matthew Keckler as a sweet, shy guy who played football.

He was in the library with friends at Columbine High School when he was gunned down Tuesday.

"He's just a really nice kid," said classmate Alayna Muscolino. "He's not an outspoken jock kind of guy. He's really subdued. He's just a really sweet guy, kind of shy."

Muscolino said Keckler, a sophomore, was well-liked, was close friends with members of the football team and worked at a pizza place.

"He's a wonderful, wonderful young man. One of the best," said a neighbor who asked that her name not be used. "You couldn't have asked for a nicer child."

Neighbors frequently saw Matthew and his younger brother playing basketball in their driveway.

"I understand he was a straight-A student," the neighbor said. "His parents had nothing but good words to say about him. This is just a horrible, horrible tragedy."



Keckler



Bennett



DePooter



Fleming



Keckler



Scott



Sanders



Tomlin



Townsend

KILLED AT COLUMBINE

■ Cassie Bennett, 17, A junior, she often studied during the noon hour in the school library — site of the worst violence.

■ Steven Curnow, 14, The freshman wanted to be a pilot and was looking forward to seeing the new *Star Wars* movie.

■ Coney DePooter, 17, An All-American boy, his 15-year-old sister fled from the massacre unharmed. He was a junior.

■ Kelly Fleming, 18, She was an aspiring songwriter and author who wrote dozens of poems and short stories.

■ Matthew Keckler, age unavailable. The sophomore had good grades, played football and "everyone loved him."

■ Dan Moxier, 15, The freshman was shot down outside the school as the two gunmen began their rampage.

■ Dave Sanders, 42, The longtime coach and teacher put himself in the line of fire while shepherding at least 100 students to safety.

■ Rachel Scott, 17, A junior, her red Acure Legend parked outside the school was covered with flowers and balloons as a memorial.

■ Isaiah Shivers, 18, The wisecracking senior was a bodybuilder who dreamed of becoming a music executive like his brother.

■ John Tomlin, 16, The sophomore was described by his father as "a perfect son."

■ Lauren Townsend, 18, A senior, she loved animals, Shakespeare and volleyball.

■ Kyle Velasquez, 15, Information about Kyle was unavailable Thursday.

■ Dan Moxier, 15, A sophomore, the straight-A student ran track and wasn't fully about, because his mother

TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

Shrine of MEMORIES

At Columbine High, impromptu memorial gives expression to community's grief

By Tina Griego
News Staff Writer

At Columbine High School, the memorial grows. Bouquets and stuffed animals lie in mounds. The snow has been trampled into brown mush by hundreds who have come because they don't know what else to do or where else to go. And on the memorial wall, the ink of written prayers has run together in an incomprehensible wall.

Hundreds of thousands of words have been written about these deaths. None are adequate. Nothing can prepare the people who come here for the sucker punch of grief. For the finality that greets them.

"I can't change anything. I can't do anything for them," a weeping woman who never knew the dead children says.

"There is nothing I can say."

Some come here because they know what lies ahead for the families of these children. They know what it's like to walk into their child's room and find nothing but silence. They know what it is to scoop

pajamas from the floor, to bury their faces in the folds of cotton, to breathe deep.

To say that Kelly Fleming loved to write poetry cannot begin to convey the sudden beauty of her bashful smile. To say that Dan Ruhrbough was a good son, that Steve Curnow loved *Star Wars* and that Cassie Bernall loved God cannot capture the sweetness of their laughter or the realization they will never again hug their parents and know that, in that place and for that moment, they are safe. In the collection of facts, in the black-and-white yearbook photos are only glimpses of the adults they never had a chance to become.

Someone named Matthew Phillips wrote a long poem about the students and the teacher who died trying to save them. He mounted it on Day-Glo orange paper and carefully sealed it in plastic. It lies at the foot of the memorial wall.

"They dance across your memories," he wrote. "They leave footprints in your thoughts."

And they always will.

CASSIE BERNALL

'The most beautiful blue-eyed ... angel in heaven'



Cassie Bernall, with friend Kristal Mallookis, during a trip with their youth group.

Class: Junior
Age: 17

She will forever be remembered as the girl who died for her faith, the one who looked her killer in the eye and said, "Yes, I believe in God."

She never said another word.

In the days that have followed her death, dozens of young Christians have taken strength from Cassie's strength.

Her parents, also devout Christians, say they, too, believe that God had a purpose in taking Cassie from them.

"We are proud of her, and we will painfully miss her," Brad Bernall said in a statement. "She was truly our little buddy."

A few years ago, Cassie might not have been able to answer "yes" to the killer's question. She was fascinated by witchcraft,

involved "in the dark side of things," her friend Crystal Woodman said.

"Then she started getting into church and then her whole life was God and Jesus," she said. "She was amazing."

Her friends remember her long blond hair, how beautiful she looked in her favorite blue shirt with the flowers across the front, the cloth bracelet she wore with the letters "WWJD" — What Would Jesus Do?

"God spoke to her mom and told her she was so glad she was with him in heaven," Crystal said. "She is just smiling, and she's so happy."

"I want you to write this, I want you to say that Cassie is the most beautiful blue-eyed, blond-haired angel in heaven."

— Tina Griego

STEVEN CURNOW

'Star Wars' fans plan ticket tribute for one of their own

Class: freshman
Age: 14

The only thing they know about Steven is that he was a *Star Wars* fan, but that's enough.

Steven's death has prompted *Star Wars* fans across the country to try to do something in his memory. On one Internet bulletin board, fans are planning to buy an extra ticket to *Episode I: The Phantom Menace* in Steven's name and give it to someone standing in line.

"May the Force be with Steven," one person wrote. "May God be there to comfort him and his parents."

Steven wasn't even old enough to drive, but he was looking forward to the day he would fly.

He loved all things airborne, from *Star Wars* to Stealth fighters.

He loved Luke Skywalker and Han Solo. He was collecting *Star Wars* books. He couldn't wait until the new *Star Wars* movie came out so he could memorize it just like the others.

He wanted to become a Navy pilot — F-14s were his bird of choice. He also loved a good game of soccer. He had played the game since he was 5 and had developed a kick so powerful he could send his opponents sprawling with the speeding ball.

He had just become a soccer referee to learn the game a little better and pocket some spending money.

"Steve was a delight to know," his family said in a statement. "He was so good with younger children. He had a smile that touched everyone who knew him. It's hard to imagine life without him in it."

— Tina Griego



Steven Robert Curnow posed for a picture recently with sister Nancy. *Star Wars* fans plan a tribute to the 14-year-old Columbine High freshman.

COREY DEPOOTER

'He was not one to step back from confrontation'

Class: Junior
Age: 17

Corey would have made a good Marine. When the two gunmen entered the library and opened fire, he never panicked. His family and friends believe he died trying to shield someone else from gunfire.

"He was brave," his father, Neal, said. "Even for that age. Sometimes kids are foolishly brave, but he was not one to step back from confrontation."

Neal DePooter thinks his son was happy the day he died. For months, Corey had worked part time at a golf course, saving his money to buy his first car, a Mustang. He even had one picked out from the classified ads.

"The day he died was the day we were going to get the loan," Neal DePooter said.

Corey was not a shy kid. He liked to go fishing, loved adventure. He and his best friend traveled all the way to Oklahoma to fish. Bass fishing was his latest passion.



Corey DePooter showed off his catch from a recent fishing excursion.

He was hoping to talk his grandfather into buying a boat so the two of them could go fishing.

He also liked to hunt and golf. He worked at the Raccoon Creek Golf Course, operating the mower and raking bunkers.

"He's left an awful big hole in our lives," his father said. "But we have come to the conclusion that since he lived a big life, he had no regrets. He lived life to its fullest."

— Tina Griego

TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

KELLY FLEMING

*'Angel on Earth' had just begun writing her life story*Class: sophomore
Age: 16

Kelly Fleming was working on her autobiography. She had started with her birth and had gotten to age 5.

Then, two gunmen killed her, creating a tragic postscript to her life story.

A 16-year-old sophomore, Kelly loved to write poems and short stories.

Her parents said she often shared her work with them and dreamed of getting something published.

They have saved it all on her home computer.

She still speaks to them in the words she so carefully crafted.

Writing was more than a passion for Kelly. It was a way for a shy girl to express herself.

She was especially close to her math teacher, Jud Blatchford, who will be a pallbearer at her funeral today.

"She was one of the kindest students I've ever had," Blatchford said.

A shrine to Kelly at her vigil revealed parts of her personality. There was a rainbow Beanie Baby, a small baby doll, a large

teddy bear with a red stocking cap and scarf, and a video of the movie *Titanic*.

Kelly yearned to own a car, and every dime she earned went into her car fund. She couldn't wait to take road trips across the country. A yellow Corvette would have been the ideal wheels, but she liked Mustangs, too.

Her uncle, Ray Fleming, recalled that Kelly's wants were simple. On his last visit with her, he asked whether she wanted to go skiing or to Cooks Field or to a Broncos game.

The zoo would be perfect, she said. They had a wonderful time.

Kelly is survived by her parents, Don and DeeDee Fleming, and her 18-year-old sister, Erin. Her mother described her as an "angel on Earth."

She was a sweet Irish girl with an innocent heart.

Her family and friends send her into the next life with the famous Irish blessing that begins: "May the road rise to greet you. May the wind be always at your back."

— Katie Kerwin McCrimmon



Kelly Fleming, a 16-year-old sophomore, loved to write poems and short stories and was working on her autobiography.

MATT KECHTER

A big guy with big goals who 'always had a smile'Class: sophomore
Age: 16

Matt Kechter was a big guy with big goals. He was a junior varsity lineman on the Columbine football team but had his eye on the varsity spot. He was a straight-A student who was studying in the library the last day of his life.

He worked hard, studied hard, played hard.

"He always had a smile," one of his football teammates said at a memorial vigil Friday.

During a team photo session, the coach asked all the players to put on their "moan game faces."

Matt couldn't.

"He tried," the teammate said. "He

loved to smile."

Football coach Andy Lowry called Matt "the neatest kid in the world."

"He wasn't the type of kid that would come out and say things, but his actions brought out the best in people."

"Maybe God had a plan. He only took the kids that could handle it, the great kids."

At the vigil, one of his family members said she had told Matt she loved him on the morning of the day he died.

"And he answered back, 'I love you, too.'"

"I knew that he always loved me, but I was really shocked. He doesn't say, 'I love you,' except on holidays and on my birthday. And now he's gone."

— Tina Grigo and Tillie Fong

DAN ROHRBOUGH

*'There are so many things he wanted to do with his life'*Class: freshman
Age: 16

Dan Rohrbough was a typical teen-ager. He wasn't in any hurry to give his mother his school photos.

They had been taken in the fall. For months, Sue Petrone asked her only son whether she could see the pictures.

For months, Dan forgot to bring them home from his school locker.

Until Tuesday.

Before Dan left for school that morning, he pulled the pictures from his backpack.

Now that school portrait is the centerpiece of a heart-breaking shrine to a boy who died as a freshman in high school.

Dan was just 15.

Even so, he had already become a genius with electronics. Every day after school, he worked with his dad, Brian Rohrbough, at his shop, Excalibur Sound.

Dan could design a magnificent home theater, and he couldn't wait to get a car someday so he could install a fabulous car stereo.

"He just turned 15 on March 2. I'm so sad that he'll never drive," Sue Petrone said. "There are so many things that he wanted to do with his life."

After graduating from Columbine High School, Dan hoped to work full time with his dad.

A quiet, happy kid, Dan had a wry sense of humor.

He wore shorts all winter. He and his buddies played street hockey until their sticks broke, battled one another in Nerf gun games for hours and overdozed on



Dan Rohrbough, who turned 15 last month, helped in his father's sound business.

Orange Julius drinks while they pretended to do their homework. Every summer he visited his grandparents at their Kansas farm.

Dan was probably one of the first victims. He was walking outside to have lunch in the park when the gunmen headed in. They shot Dan in the back as he tried to run away.

His death was the most public. As helicopters hovered overhead, he lay crumpled on the pavement.

"I just wanted to go pick him up and hug him and say, 'You did nothing to deserve this,'" Petrone said.

Now she can only pray for Dan and all the other families experiencing such anguish.

"I'm just focusing on the love that I have for my son," she said. "Love cannot be evil."

— Katie Kerwin McCrimmon

DAVE SANDERS

25-year business teacher, coach was 'something special'Business teacher, girls basketball, softball
Age: 17

All Dave Sanders ever wanted to do was teach.

That's what he did from the moment he walked into Columbine 25 years ago to the moment he rushed from the faculty lounge yelling for students to run from the gunmen who hunted them. He continued warning students even as he was shot, shooting them from the cafeteria before stumbling into a nearby room.

Sanders died on a classroom floor, surrounded by the students he loved, gazing at a picture of the family he adored.

Sanders spent more than half his life at Columbine, teaching there his entire career. If he wasn't in the classroom, he was on the court. If he wasn't on the court, he was on the field.

Columbine business teacher Dave Sanders poses with his wife, Linda, in a Christmas Eve photo. Sanders was a 25-year veteran of Columbine.

"That was something special," former Columbine principal Gerry Difford said. "Most people burn out and say they can't do it anymore. Dave never did."

Sanders had three daughters, 10 grandchildren and had been married to his wife, Linda, for eight years.

"Linda's birthday is today," said Sanders' nephew, Rich Jarman. "He told her not to make any plans, because he was planning something special."

"They used to tell us on many occasions that when they first saw each other, they knew that was it. They just seemed to glow around each other. It really gave you hope."

"If he wasn't with his wife and kids, he was with the kids at high school. That was his life. And he enjoyed it."

— Tina Grigo and Tillie Fong

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TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

RACHEL SCOTT

'She was never, ever afraid of being her own person'

Alisha Basora, right, keeps this picture of her and Rachel Scott in her photo album. It was taken in January in the school cafeteria.

Class: Junior
Age: 17

Rachel Joy Scott was the one in the funny hat.

She wore hats with gusto, a reflection of her dramatic streak and her zest for life.

No shrinking violet, Rachel.

The diminutive 17-year-old felt equally at home at a speech meet or a Christian youth group, center stage or reaching out to someone who lacked the confidence she always had.

"She had this fun, full-of-life

girl-of-his," said a youth pastor at her church, Trinity Christian. "She was never, ever afraid of being her own person."

The voice-mail message on her family phone was pure Rachel.

"You have reached the home of Queen Rachel and her servants," says the girl who called herself the "people's princess."

She once offered to pay her sister's boyfriend \$25 if he would hurry up and marry her sister so Rachel could have

her room. Photos show a girl with laughing eyes and a sly smile. Music, dance, poetry and photography were among her many passions.

She was the kind of person you could confide in about anything without fear of judgment, her brothers and sisters say. Her younger brother, Craig, escaped the library uninjured and then prayed for Rachel.

"She was a joy to be around," said her friend, Alexis Bentley, 15. "She was incredible -- her outlook on life, her charm, her love for God."

Among Rachel's dreams: to become a missionary or a youth counselor; to help kids in trouble; to spread God's word.

"She will be speaking to more people in her death," said her father, Darrell Scott. "I wish she ever would have alive."

— Lisa Levitt Ryckman

ISAIAH SHOELS

*'He was probably the coolest guy in the school'*Class: senior
Age: 18

For a little guy, Isaiah was hard to miss.

He was the one who always said "hi" when you passed him, in the halls, who seemed to bounce when he walked, whose 4-foot-11-inch frame brimmed with life.

He died asking for his mother.

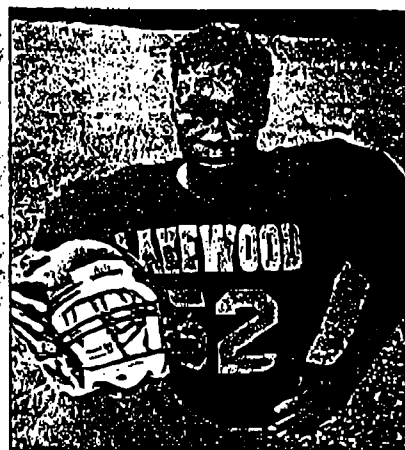
Isalah would have graduated this year. He wanted to attend the Colorado Institute of Art and become a music executive like his father, Michael. He was quick to make fun of his own height and quick to prove that his height would never hold him back. He lifted weights. His friends say he was one of the strongest guys in school, always trying to lift people right off their feet.

Just about everybody liked him.

"He was probably the coolest guy in the school," sophomore Brian Zimpfer said.

"He rode the bus with me every morning, and everyone would want to sit with Isalah because he made people laugh. He always said something funny."

Isalah was one of the few black students at Columbine High School. His killer cornered him in the library, said they didn't like blacks, then shot him.



On the bus, "everyone would want to sit with Isalah because he made people laugh," sophomore Brian Zimpfer says. "He always said something funny."

That Isalah was killed because he was black haunts Michael Shoels. He moved his family to Denver 23 years ago to keep them from experiencing the same racism he experienced growing up in Texas.

What killed Isalah? Hate, Michael Shoels says.

Hate killed a boy everyone loved.

— Tina Griego

JOHN TOMLIN

*'Fun-loving guy' had driving ambition, sense of humor*Class: sophomore
Age: 16

These are the things John Tomlin loved: baseball caps and Bible study; Chevy trucks and four-wheeling; driving through the mud.

He was a rarity among teenagers, a 16-year-old kid who enjoyed being a 16-year-old kid.

"He was high on life," said the Rev. Lloyd Evans, the youth pastor at Riverside Baptist Church South, where John was a regular at the youth program.

His memorial service was held Friday. He will be buried in Wisconsin next week.

"He was a fun-loving guy," Evans said. "He enjoyed driving his truck in the mud. That excited him. But John was pretty quiet. He had the great-old-boy veneer, but he was a teddy bear inside."

He was a jokester with a big wide grin. A hard worker. A kid who could not be swayed once he set his mind to something.

"Part of the reason he started working as early as he did at 14 was to have up enough money for a four-wheel-drive Chevy pickup," said Wayne Anderson, owner of Arapahoe Acres nursery, where big, busy John helped haul trees and load bags of soil.

Last year, John traveled to Juarez, Mexico, where he helped build houses for the poor.

He planned to join the Army when he graduated.

His father, John, called him the perfect son.

"He was just good," he said. "You could sit him in a washroom car and he'd wash both."

— Tina Griego



John Tomlin started working at 14 with hopes of saving up for a pickup truck. He traveled to Mexico to help build houses for the poor and planned to join the Army.

LAUREN TOWNSEND

*Animal lover dreamed of becoming a wildlife biologist*Class: senior
Age: 18

She was the beauty with brains, a girl who could spike a volleyball one minute and quote Shakespeare the next.

Lauren was a senior a step away from college when she was killed. And while she helped tend to cats and dogs at a local animal shelter, her real dream was to work with the big animals as a wildlife biologist.

She was the baby of her family, with two older brothers and an older sister.

"I'll remember her as a beautiful soul," said Catherine Bock, sister-in-law of Lauren's stepfather, Bruce Bock. "And her beautiful smile, and her intelligence."

Lauren was a college recruiter's dream, captain of the volleyball team, winner of President Clinton's Excellence in Education award, member of the National Honor Society. Her friends say she was well on her way to becoming valedictorian of the school.

Her English teacher, Carol Samson, called her a "thin, beautiful girl with a delicate beauty."

"Last Saturday night, my husband and I chaperoned a dance," Samson recalled. "From out of this maze came a beautiful girl in a light brown dress to greet us."

"I think she disappeared into the crowd. That memory will stay with me forever."

— Tina Griego



Lauren Townsend before the high school prom April 17. She had just won the prom queen contest.

TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

KYLE VELASQUEZ

Boy towered over parents and embraced them with love

Class: sophomore
Age: 16

Kyle Velasquez was a gentle giant. At nearly 6 feet tall, he towered over his mom, dad and brother and loved them with a heart as big as he was tall.

Just before he left home Tuesday morning, he told his mom what he always told her: "I love you, Mom."

Then he left forever.

A ruthless spray of gunfire killed the 16-year-old sophomore while he was in the school library, working on the computer during his lunch break.

Now Kyle's parents, Phyllis and Al Velasquez, and his large, loving, extended family are left with broken hearts and memories of Kyle.

There's the picture of him when he was just 5 with a boyish John Elway. There are the photos of Kyle's grandparents that he always kept in his room. After they died, Kyle told his mom he "needed" their pictures. Then he found small gold frames that didn't quite fit and mounted the photos his way.

There's also the message board, where he left his final note to his dad and signed it in his sweet fashion: "Love, Kyle. XOXOXO."

Kyle didn't hang out with friends much. He idolized his big brother, Daniel, 21. And now that Daniel had moved out, he was always with his folks.

"We traveled in threes," Al Velasquez said, tears rushing down his face as he realized anew that his threesome is no longer complete.

Kyle was so thoughtful that when his dad was busy working the swing shift at Coors, he would tape all the sports events his dad



Kyle Velasquez, a sophomore, enjoyed spending time with his parents and his 21-year-old brother, Daniel.

was missing.

"If I liked something, he liked it," Al Velasquez said.

Every evening, he would keep his mother company.

"He's always been kind and gentle and loving. This child had more hugs than any child I've ever known," Phyllis Velasquez said.

Kyle loved his teachers and his cats and his Aunt Rose's homemade tortillas. He dreamed of someday being a firefighter or a pilot in the U.S. Navy, in which his father served.

Now, every time a jet flies overhead or a firetruck races by or a Broncos game is on, the Velasquez family will be thinking of Kyle.

— Katie Kainin McCrimmon

DAN MAUSER

'Sweet and gentle' student lived by Ten Commandments



Daniel Mauser, 15, was a straight-A student who wasn't afraid to hug his parents and raked leaves for a neighbor who'd had a heart attack.

Class: sophomore
Age: 15

What kind of kid was Daniel Mauser? At St. Francis of Cabrini Catholic Church, there's a picture of him posing with four trophies. Nearby lies a spelling-bee certificate, an award from the Golden Piano Studio for composition, a certificate for the National Science Olympiad, his favorite Nintendo games.

He was the kind of kid who wasn't afraid to hug his parents, who earned straight A's in the past two quarters of school, who was just as comfortable with a microscope as he was on skis.

The kind of kid who told his parents he was worried about the growing number of guns in the country.

"He was very pure in his heart," said his

mother, Linda.

Daniel grew up in a tree-lined neighborhood where he played soccer with the other kids on the block.

"I had a heart attack a few years ago, and he used to come down and help me," neighbor Ken Greenlaw said. "He used to come and rake the leaves because he knew I couldn't."

His fourth-grade religious-education teacher, Diane Rakowski, said Daniel knew the Ten Commandments and lived by them.

She said that her daughter was in Daniel's class and that she prayed her daughter would find someone like "sweet and gentle" Daniel.

"What I wanted for my daughter was a Daniel Mauser," Rakowski said.

— Tina Griego

INJURED



Anderson



Doyle



Eubanks



Foss



Graes



Hall



Hochhafer



Ireland



Jankowski



Kingen



Kreutz



Kyle



Maleon



Park



Schnurr



Sleepleton

Richard Castaldo, 17, who was hospitalized with five gunshot wounds in the chest, back and arm, was upgraded to fair condition Saturday.

Though he's paralyzed from the chest down, his doctors and family are optimistic that he'll walk again. He underwent surgery last week. Two other victims showed improvement Saturday.

Mark Taylor, 15, was upgraded to fair condition with gunshot wounds in the chest, arm and leg. A 15-year-old boy, who has not been identified, was upgraded to serious condition at St. Anthony Hospital Central.

Eight other students remained hospitalized Saturday from injuries suffered in Tuesday's

shooting at Columbine High School:

Denver Health Medical Center

■ Lance Kirkila, 16, critical but stable condition with multiple gunshot wounds; intensive care.

■ Lisa Kreutz, 18, serious condition with multiple gunshot wounds.

■ Jeanna Park, 18, fair condition with gunshot wounds in lower extremities.

Swedish Medical Center

■ Valen Schnurr, 18, fair condition with nine shrapnel and bullet wounds in the chest, abdomen and arm; may be released within a few days.

■ Anne Marie Hochhafer, 17, serious condition

with gunshot wounds in chest and liver.

■ Sean Grayes, 15, fair condition with a gunshot wound in the back and three in the abdomen.

St. Anthony Hospital Central

■ Kasey Rueggesser, 17, serious condition with gunshot wounds.

■ Patrick Ireland, 17, serious condition with gunshot wounds.

Eight students who were shot have been released from hospitals. They are:

■ Jennifer Doyle, 17, 11th grade, treated for chest wound.

■ Michael Hall, 16

■ Dan Sleepleton, 17

■ Mark Kingan, 17

■ Nicole Nowien, 18

■ Stephen Austin Eubanks, 17

■ Stephanie Munson, 17

■ Brian Anderson, 17

Four people who suffered other injuries have been released:

■ Nick Foss, 18, treated for injuries in a 15-foot fall.

■ Adam Kyle, 16, treated for abdominal pain.

■ Patrick Nielson, 20, teacher, treated for a chest wound.

■ Joyce Jankowski, 45, teacher, treated for anxiety.

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**Schedule of the President
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Thursday, May 20, 1999
Final Schedule**

9:00	am-	MEETING
9:15	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: John Podesta
9:15	am-	FOREIGN POLICY MEETING
10:30	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:45	am-	DEPARTURE STATEMENT
10:55	am	LOCATION TBD Staff Contact: PRESS TBD
11:05	am	THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route the Reflecting Pool [drive time: 5 minutes]
11:10	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives the Reflecting Pool
11:20	am	THE PRESIDENT departs the Reflecting Pool via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 10 minutes]
11:30	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
11:45	am	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Denver International Airport [flight time: 3 hours, 25 minutes] [time change: -2 hours]
1:10	pm MT	THE PRESIDENT arrives Denver International Airport
		Note: The First Lady will join the President at this time.
		Greeters:
1:25	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Denver International Airport via Marine one en route Jefferson County Landing Zone [flight time: 15 minutes]

FLOTUS

1:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Jefferson County Landing Zone

Greeters:

1:50 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Jefferson County Landing Zone via motorcade en route Light of the World Catholic Church [drive time: 5 minutes]

1:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Light of the World Catholic Church

Greeters: Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District
Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School

2:00 pm **MEETING WITH FAMILIES OF VICTIMS**

3:30 pm **LOCATION TBD**
Light of the World Catholic Church
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
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3:35 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Light of the World Catholic Church via motorcade en route Dakota Ridge High School [drive time: 5 minutes]

3:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Dakota Ridge High School

Greeters: School Board Members TBD
Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School
Mr. MacDonnell, Dakota Ridge High School

1 room — Frank DeAngelis
Principal Columbine will enter each
Sanctuary
— Supt/Principal in motorcade
POTUS talks to families going to Dakota Ridge
motorcade first

3:45 pm
5:15 pm

**REMARKS TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
GYMNASIUM**

Dakota Ridge High School

Remarks: Jeff Shesol

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

POOL PRESS

Note: There will be a pre-program.

Note: There will be approximately 2000 guests in attendance.

-- Off-stage announcement of the President and the First Lady, accompanied by School Board President Jon DeStefano, Superintendent Dr. Jane Hammond, Principal Frank DeAngelis, and Heather Dinkel. — student body prez

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-- Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District, makes brief welcoming remarks and introduces Frank DeAngelis.

-- Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School, makes brief remarks and introduces Heather Dinkel.

-- Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School, makes brief remarks and introduces the First lady.

-- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces the President.

3-5 min

-- The President makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

10 min

5:20 pm-
5:25 pm

POLICE AND DRIVER PHOTOGRAPHS

LOCATION TBD

Dakota Ridge High School

23 kids in front (ok in class)

5:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Dakota Ridge High School via motorcade en route Jefferson County Landing Zone
[drive time: 5 minutes]

5:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Jefferson County Landing Zone

5:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Jefferson County Landing Zone via Marine One en route Denver International Airport
[drive time: 15 minutes]

6:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Denver International Airport

Note: The First Lady will proceed to separate plane upon arrival. The President will hold aboard Air Force One until the First Lady has departed.

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11:55	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrive the Reflecting Pool
12:05	am	THE PRESIDENT departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House [drive time: 5 minutes]
12:10	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House
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program

2:00 pm
3:30 pm

MEETING WITH FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

~~LOCATION TBD~~ Light of the World CATHOLIC CHURCH

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

CLOSED PRESS

greeted by
- sch bld
- super
- student body
- Dakota Ridge
- principal
- student body

3:35 pm-
5:05 pm

REMARKS TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

DAKOTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Remarks:

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

POOL PRESS

2300 audience

girls soccer
in state
Tues nite
* speech
seat team
together

5:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Dakota Ridge High School via motorcade en route Jefferson County Landing Zone
[drive time: tbd]

5:25 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Jefferson County Landing Zone

5:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Jefferson County Landing Zone via Marine One en route Denver International Airport
[flight time: 15 minutes]

5:50 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Denver International Airport

6:05 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Denver International Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 3 hours]
[time change: +2 hours]

- Superintendant
Jane Hammond
Frank
DeAngelis
Heather
Binkley
- FLOTUS
- POTUS
Blue Gator

11:05 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

11:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route the Reflecting Pool
[flight time: 10 minutes]

Front row
- injured students
- Columbine seniors

11:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives the Reflecting Pool

11:40 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

11:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House

NO OVERTFLOW

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC

May 17, 1999 (4:54 PM)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- Table to Table 4 → Families in one RM
9 → " " " "
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Principal Columbine
intro to each family

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→ Call sheets

→ Contacts for dinner

talk shows
* Advance press of
superint
pre-emptor

Saturday 5/15

School

Dakota Ridge H.S.

Jr B Co

1.05 Arrive Dinner
1.35 Jr B Co

90 min Church mtgs 2-3.30

3.40-5.00
gym

2,300 ppl

{ - Faculty
- Columbus
- Chattahoochee
- Dakota Ridge }

OVERFLOW

They will invite whole
will meet

Principal
Supt
Student Leader

Press?

injured students in special section

DCOS
Marrig
↓

will bus kids

Principal felt strongly about pool
Supt

* \$5-6K \$8-10K - Press Riser
- stage

Elected officials in bk of gym

gradat

* 4 phone calls Re: AF 1

FOIUS 10.40 - Depart Andrews
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> Calls
Day before
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REMARKS AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE
COLORADO'S COLUMBINE MEMORIAL
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO
Sunday, April 25, 1999

Nothing that I say to you can bring comfort. Nothing that anyone else can say can bring comfort. But there is a voice that speaks without words, and addresses us in the depths of our being. And that voice says to our troubled souls: peace, be still. The Scripture promises that there is a peace that passes understanding.

I would be misleading you if I said I understand this. I don't. Why human beings do evil, I do not understand. Why bad things happen to good people, I do not understand. Like every one of you, at such a time as this I go on my knees and ask, "Why, Oh Lord, Why?"

I do know this: at such a time we need each other. To the families of all those who died here, I say:

You are not alone: the heart of America aches with yours. We hold your agony in the center of our prayers. The entire nation is a community of shock, of love, and of grief. May you feel the embrace of the hundreds of millions who weep with you.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

And our thoughts are with the many who bore injury; we hope and pray along with their families that they will be whole again.

Suffering binds us together. Suffering lays bare our common human need for love, kindness, and grace. In our suffering all of us stand naked before God.

For all of us, the scripture says, though it may be darkness now, "joy cometh in the morning."

Here in Jefferson County, the spring has yielded to a cold winter of the heart.

But I am reminded of the words of a sage writer who said:

"In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

To the world that is watching us, let us remind them that the young killers of Columbine High School do not stand for the spirit of America.

America is a good and decent place -- and our goodness is a light to all the nations of the world.

We have seen in this community so much of that goodness, so much healing, so much of what is

best in our country.

You have shown us that even in this ashen moment, there is a spark that lights our way forward.

At Columbine High School last week, this great goodness was expressed in the bravery of the teachers who risked their own lives to protect the lives of their students.

These teachers knew their pupils, and loved them as if they were their own children. No one can doubt that. Their love was not made of words. It was made of acts.

We remember coach and teacher Dave Sanders, who bravely led so many to safety -- but never made it out of the building himself.

The young, too, were brave.

The student with first aid training who swallowed his fear and returned to that awful smoke-filled corridor to lead others in a three-hour crusade to try to save his teacher's life.

There were countless acts of heroism that saved many lives. And there was profound heroism among those who died.

We remember Cassie Bernall, whose final words were: "yes, I do believe in God."

"Those who suffer for righteousness' sake -- theirs is the kingdom of God."

Now, as we are brought to our knees in the shock of this moment, what say we?

What say we into the open muzzle of this tragedy cocked and aimed at our hearts?

If our spiritual courage can but match the eternal moment, we can make manifest in our lives the truth of the prophesy: "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

All of us must change our lives to honor these children.

More than ever I realize that every one of us is responsible for the children of our culture.

There are children who are hungering for their parents to become more involved in their schools, and to fill the spiritual void in their lives.

If you are a parent, your children need your attention. If you are a grandparent, they need your time. If you do not have children, there are kids who need your example and your presence. Somewhere -- somewhere in reach of every adult in this country -- is a child to hold and teach -- a child to save.

We must have the courage not to look away from those who feel despised and rejected, those for whom we are taught: sin lieth crouching at their door.

All adults in this nation must take on the challenge of creating in all of God's children a clean heart, and a right spirit within.

Children look to us; they learn from us. They don't always know when to look away.

We must teach them right from wrong. We must protect them from the violence and cruelty in our popular culture.

We must teach our children why embracing the right values transcends a moment's cheap sensation.

I believe the best antidote to vulgarity and brutality is the power of a better example, of love over indifference. In the words of Henry Drummond, "the power of a higher affection."

The human heart responds to goodness. I believe this. I wouldn't think life worth living if it weren't so.

After the death of a loved one, a poetess wrote:

"Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind:
Quickly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave.
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned."

Parents, we can stop the violence and the hate. In a culture rife with violence -- where too many young people place too little value on a human life -- we can rise up and say no more.

We have seen enough violence in our schools. We must replace a culture of violence and mayhem with one of values and meaning.

It is too easy for a young child to get a gun -- and everywhere we look, there are too many lessons in how to use one. We can do something about that.

We need more discipline and character in our schools, and more alternatives to crime and drugs. We can do something about that.

We need to look for the earliest signs of trouble -- and teach our children to resolve their differences with reason and conscience, not with flashes of passion. We can do something about that.

No society will ever be perfect. But we know the way things should be. And America can be what it is meant to be: a community of goodness, of reason, of moral strength.

As the Psalmist prayed, I also pray: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

If only we can work our way as a people to that place -- to the place where caring and compassion open us to the lives of our children -- all our children -- then those children who died here this week will not have died in vain.

Then, in the words of Isaiah, "no more shall be heard the sound of weeping and the cry of distress."

"They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their children with them." And never again shall they "hurt or destroy -- in all [God's] holy mountain."

For now, I know only that my heart weeps with you, and with you I yearn that we may come through this dark passage a stronger and more caring people.

For I believe, with all my heart, that "Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

\$ 1.5m law enforcement
extra security

~~all~~ all \$ to end of
school year

* once day before

Ray Fisher, Asso
Jim Johnson

Hammond

3/13

Church ~~light~~

- ↳ Red Cross / counselling services
 - Ctr of Support
 - 1 1/2 mi
 - largest bldg
 - 2,000
 - 'Theater in Round'
- }

Principal feels comfortable

They will be there by choice

provide transportat

2,400 invite list

- police
- med
- legis
- Cong
- Sch Bd

Press → it controlled

it's ok to be open

→ community would get concern
at POTUS

grades 9-12 Chatfield

5/27 school
out

12.45 →

Families

2 pm

Marilyn