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June 9, 1999

YOUTH VIOLENCE EVENT

Date: Thursday, June 10, 1999
Time: 1:10 PM – 2:00 PM
Location: Fisher Middle School
Ewing, New Jersey
From: Ruby Shamir

I. PURPOSE

To focus attention on youth violence, highlight the national campaign to prevent youth violence, and urge the Congress to pass sensible gun control legislation.

II. BACKGROUND

This event will focus on the need for a national effort to prevent youth violence that includes all sectors of society. You will address an audience of approximately 850 students, teachers and parents where you will call on national leaders to fulfill their responsibilities and pass sensible gun laws to protect children.

Status of Gun Legislation

In May, the Senate passed the Juvenile Crime bill that contained a gun package that we support. Most of these provisions were proposed by the President, including closing the gun show loophole, requiring child safety locks for handguns, banning juvenile possession of assault rifles, and banning importation of large capacity clips. A number of the President's key provisions did not receive a vote, such as raising the age of handgun possession from 18 to 21 and holding adults liable for recklessly allowing children access to guns. (Attached is our full gun proposal.)

The bill will soon be considered by the House of Representatives. It appears that the House Republican Leadership will forgo a Judiciary Committee markup of the Juvenile Crime legislation, and instead bring the bill directly to the floor early next week. Democrats, as well as some Judiciary Republicans, argue that this move will not give the Judiciary Committee ample opportunity to help shape the legislation and hold votes. Some of the President's advisors have seen an early version of the bill, and a number of Democrats have raised serious concerns about the gun provisions which include weakened versions of the Senate-passed provisions. In particular, it appears as if the bill would substantially water down the hard-won gun show loophole passed by the Senate.

Background On Peacemakers Program

The Fisher Middle School's mission is to enable its students to learn and succeed in a positive school environment. In order to support a positive environment, the school established, in September 1998, a Peacemaking initiative that takes pro-active steps to promote safety and cooperation among every member of the school community. Some of the program's guidelines for harmonious, cooperative and kind interaction include asking children to be respectful toward

each other, to listen while others speak, not to blame or name call others, and to work toward a joint solution to problems. This initiative could be a model of local efforts that help steer children away from violent behavior.

Speakers Bios

Ameerah McBride

Ameerah's brother, Kenneth, was killed by a youth with a gun in March 1993 while he was attending a college party. Following the tragic incident, Ameerah has worked as a counselor for the Trenton Area YMCA, currently serves as a member of the Youth Corps for the Coalition for Peace Action, and is a facilitator with the Real Alternatives to Violence (RAVE) program. Also, since her son's death, Ameerah's mother opened the Mother's Against Violence Trenton Chapter. Ameerah is currently majoring in Political Science with a minor in education. Ameerah is looking forward to continuing her education and graduating in the year 2002.

Tyrus Bush

Tyrus, Fisher Middle School's Student Body President, is in the 8th grade. He is involved in his church, sings in the school choir, takes piano lessons, runs track, and is member of his school's Student Council.

Principal Warren Schuster

Warren Schuster has been the principal of Fisher Middle School for the last 15 years. Prior to being appointed principal, Mr. Schuster taught social studies for almost 10 years at Fisher Junior High School. He is member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Middle School Association, and the New Jersey Association of Middle Level Educators.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Greeters

Alfred Bridges, Mayor, Ewing Township
Timothy Wade, Superintendent
Warren Schuster, Principal, Fisher Middle School

Stage Participants

- Tyrus Bush, Fisher Middle School Student Body President
- Warren Schuster, Principal, Fisher Middle School
- Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ)
- Ameerah McBride, 18 years old
- The First Lady

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Tyrus Bush, Student Body President, makes welcoming remarks and introduces Warren Schuster, Principal, Fisher Middle School.

- Warren Schuster makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Rush Holt.
- Representative Rush Holt makes remarks and introduces Ameerah McBride, 18 years old.
- Ameerah McBride makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks and closes the program.
- Upon conclusion, the First Lady has the option to work a ropeline.
- The First Lady proceeds to the Gymnasium.

V. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Christy Macy

President Clinton's Remarks on Gun Legislation

*Excerpted From Remarks on Civil Rights Law Enforcement
June 9, 1999*

"Second, before we get into this whole issue about the safety and security of our communities, I'd like to say a few words about another important law enforcement issue that is breaking today in Washington, involving our efforts to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Just before the Memorial Day recess, the United States Senate passed a bill designed to close the dangerous gun show loophole, to require that safety locks be sold with every handgun, to ban the importation of large-capacity ammunition clips, and to ban violent juveniles from owning handguns as adults. Now the House of Representatives will take up such legislation.

"According to reports in the morning paper, the House leadership has decided to bypass the Judiciary Committee and just report out a bill that dramatically waters down the provisions in the Senate. It is a bill plainly ghost-written by the NRA. I think it is wrong to let the NRA call the shots on this issue. They've been calling the shots on this issue for decades now, and we have failed to do what is manifestly in the interest of our children and our community.

"Now, I don't know what else to say about this. But if the American people care about it, if we can still remember Littleton -- it hasn't even been two months -- then we ought to speak up and be heard. This is a classic, horrible example of how Washington is out of touch with the rest of America, and it is time that the rest of America corrected it."

PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION TO KEEP GUNS AWAY FROM YOUTH AND CRIMINALS

April 27, 1999

Today, President Clinton will announce new legislation to strengthen federal firearms laws and make it more difficult for kids and criminals to have access to guns and explosives. The President's package represents the most comprehensive gun legislation any Administration has put forward in 30 years. The proposed bill will include new proposals to: (1) reduce illegal gun running by limiting the purchase of handguns to no more than one per month; (2) raise the age of the youth handgun ban from 18 to 21 years of age; (3) ban the juvenile possession of semi-automatic assault rifles; (4) halt the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines; (5) require Brady background checks for the purchase of explosives; (6) help law enforcement trace more crime guns to their source; and (7) authorize repeat inspections to crack down on gun dealers involved in illegal gun trafficking.

BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE BRADY LAW. Since taking effect in 1994, the Brady Law has prevented over a quarter million felons, fugitives, stalkers, and other prohibited purchasers from buying handguns. In November 1998, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) took effect, allowing access to a fuller set of records that law enforcement officials can use to conduct checks of all prospective gun purchases -- not just for handguns. To date, NICS has conducted over 3.4 million background checks on gun purchasers, and the FBI has stopped over 36,000 illegal gun sales. The President's legislation will propose strengthening the Brady Law by:

- **Extending the Brady Law's requirements to purchases of explosives.** Under current law, no Brady background check is required to buy explosives. The President's bill would help cut off easy access to explosives by requiring Brady background checks before the sale of explosives, and by extending the same prohibitions in our gun laws to prospective purchasers of explosives. The bill would also prohibit convicted felons from purchasing any quantity of black powder, which is used to make most pipe bombs, and require all explosives dealers to keep records of their sales of black powder.
- **Closing the gun show loophole on Brady background checks.** In 1998, there were more than 4,000 gun shows held throughout the country as well as flea markets and other events at which guns could be traded anonymously. An estimated 25-50 percent of the sellers at such gun shows are unlicensed, and the guns sold by the unlicensed sellers are not subject to background checks. As a result, gun shows can provide a forum for illegal firearms sales and gun trafficking. In fact, a recent review by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) of 314 gun show investigations found that 46 percent of these investigations involved the purchase or sale of firearms by felons, and 34 percent involved the sale of firearms later used in serious crimes, including homicides. To end this policy of firearms being sold at gun shows on a "no questions asked" basis, the President's bill requires : (1) Brady background checks on all firearms transferred at gun shows, with the assistance of federally-licensed dealers; (2) vendors to report information

on firearms sold at gun shows to the ATF, so that they can be traced by law enforcement if they are later used in crimes; and (3) gun show promoters to register with the ATF and notify it of all gun shows.

- **Creating a mandatory Brady waiting period.** Although the NICS has generally improved law enforcement's ability to conduct background checks, a mandatory waiting period would provide a cooling-off period for handgun purchases and allow local law enforcement officers to check additional, non-computerized records. Accordingly, the President's legislation would: (1) require a minimum 3-day waiting period for all handgun purchases; (2) add up to an additional two days to the waiting period if law enforcement officers need more time to clarify arrest records; and (3) provide authority for dealers to notify local law enforcement officials of all proposed handgun purchases.
- **Extending the Brady Law to violent juveniles.** Although violent youth convicted in adult courts are barred from owning firearms as adults, the same is not true for youth convicted of serious violent crimes in juvenile court. Violent juveniles should be treated as adults for their adult crimes, and stopped from getting weapons to hurt again. The President's legislation would permanently ban all violent juveniles from buying guns, so that they could not purchase a gun on their 21st birthday.

RESTRICTING YOUTH ACCESS TO GUNS. Keeping guns out of the hands of juveniles has been one of President Clinton's top priorities. He fought for and signed legislation prohibiting the juvenile possession of handguns, requiring "zero tolerance" for guns in schools and establishing the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) to help identify and arrest adults who traffic guns to children. The President's bill does even more to restrict unauthorized youth access to guns by:

- **Raising the age of the youth handgun ban to 21 years of age.** In 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Youth Handgun Safety Act, which generally banned the possession of handguns by juveniles under the age of 18, and prohibited adults from transferring handguns to juveniles -- except in limited circumstances. A separate provision of the 1968 Gun Control Act also prohibits federally-licensed gun dealers from selling handguns to any one under 21 years of age. However, it is perfectly legal for 18-20 year-olds to possess handguns -- and even to buy them from unlicensed sellers, such as from a neighbor who is a private collector. Additionally, ATF gun trace data show that the more crime guns are traced to 18 and 19-year-olds than all other age groups. The President's legislation would extend the provisions of the youth handgun ban to youth between 18 and 21 years of age.
- **Banning juvenile possession of semiautomatic assault rifles.** Although the Youth Handgun Safety Act generally banned the possession of assault pistols, it did not include assault rifles and large capacity magazines manufactured before the Assault Weapons Ban went into effect. Thus, it remains legal for juveniles under the age of 18 to possess these deadly weapons and ammunition. The President's bill prohibits their possession by

juveniles in any instance.

- **Holding adults responsible for child access to guns.** Child Access Prevention (CAP) laws promote gun safety and responsibility by holding adults responsible if they allow children easy access to loaded firearms. According to a study published by the Journal of the American Medical Association, CAP laws help reduce fatal unintentional shootings by an average of 23%. The President's legislation would impose felony penalties on adults who knowingly or recklessly allow a child to have unlawful access to a gun that is later used to cause death or injury. Individuals sentenced under this provision could be imprisoned for up to three years, fined a maximum of \$250,000, or both.
- **Requiring child safety locks for guns.** Child safety locks and other devices can reduce the unauthorized use of handguns, by a child at play or a teen looking to commit a crime. Many youth have to look no further than their own home to get their hands on a gun: it is estimated that one-third of all privately-owned handguns are left both loaded and unlocked. To address this problem, the President's bill requires federally-licensed firearms dealers, manufacturers, and importers to provide a child safety lock or device with every gun they sell.
- **Increasing penalties for transferring guns to juveniles.** The President's bill would increase penalties for adults who transfer handguns to juveniles knowing that they will be used in a violent crime -- establishing a new mandatory minimum sentence of at least 3 years and up to 10 years.

CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL GUN TRAFFICKERS. In 1996, President Clinton launched the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) in 17 cities to help trace crime guns to their source, as well as identify and arrest the adults who traffic firearms to our children. Since that time, YCGII has been expanded to 20 more cities and has conducted more than 200,000 traces for local law enforcement. Additionally, over the last two years the President has proposed hiring more than 280 new ATF agents and more than 40 new federal prosecutors to arrest gun traffickers and violent criminals, and crack down on illegal gun sales.

- **Reduce illegal gun running by limiting handgun sales to no more than one per month.** The President's legislation would crack down on gun trafficking by limiting handgun sales to any individual a maximum of one per month. Gun runners should not be able to circumvent Brady background checks, and employ "straw purchasers" -- or persons not prohibited from purchasing firearms -- to buy guns in bulk and divert them to the street. The President's bill would implement a national system as soon as practicable to limit handgun sales to one per month.
- **Allowing law enforcement to trace all firearms used in crimes.** Under current law it is much more difficult for law enforcement to trace used firearms later used in crimes than it is to trace new guns later used in crimes. To improve law enforcement's ability to trace crime guns, the President's legislation requires that federal gun dealers also report the

manufacturer, model, and serial number of all used guns sold to ATF's National Tracing Center. No information on the purchaser would be provided to ATF unless the gun later became the subject of a crime gun trace.

- **Doubling the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII).** Over the past 2 years, the President has expanded the YCGII initiative to 37 cities -- helping them to trace all crime guns to their source, to identify illegal gun markets, and to crack down on gun traffickers. Last year, ATF initiated over 300 investigations in these cities, which involved over 3,300 illegally trafficked firearms. The President's bill would increase the number of cities participating in YCGII over the next 4 years to a total of 75.
- **Increasing penalties on gun kingpins.** To send a strong message to gun runners that their illegal gun trafficking will not be tolerated, the President's bill doubles the maximum penalty for illegally selling firearms without a license (from 5 to 10 years of imprisonment), and instructs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to enhance the current penalty for offenses where over 50 firearms have been illegally trafficked.
- **Cracking down on gun dealers involved in illegal gun trafficking.** While most gun dealers are not associated with unlawful activities, some are involved in the illegal gun trade. The President's legislation allows for more inspections of federal firearms licensees (from 1 to 3 per year), tougher penalties for serious violations that interfere with trafficking investigations, and suspension of a gun dealer's license for willful violations of the Gun Control Act.

STRENGTHENING THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN. In 1994, the President fought for and signed into law legislation to ban the manufacture and importation of the 19 deadliest assault weapons, their copies, and large capacity ammunition clips. Last year, the President also took action to ban the importation of over 50 models of modified assault weapons. The President's bill strengthens the assault weapons law by:

- **Banning the importation of all large capacity ammunition magazines.** Although the 1994 assault weapons law banned the future domestic manufacture and importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, those manufactured before the law's enactment were grandfathered. Because of the difficulty in determining when large capacity ammunition magazines manufactured by foreign companies were made, it has become relatively easy for foreign gun manufacturers to circumvent the ban. The President's bill would close this loophole by banning the importation of all large capacity magazines -- regardless of when they were manufactured.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MRS. CLINTON
FROM: NEERA TANDEN
SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT YOUTH VIOLENCE
DATE: JUNE 7, 1999

The attached is a draft prospectus for the Campaign that offers more details on its possible activities. I have written this prospectus after conversations with Sarah Brown, Eli Segal, Pam Eakes, Amitai Etzioni, Tom Freedman, and others, and it was done in consultation with Bruce Reed. My chief concern is that the Campaign have tangible activities that can be easily understood. Indeed, I've listed a variety of activities that it could engage in, some of which may ultimately be rejected, but my hope is these suggestions will elicit your reactions. We are planning to circulate the final prospectus to Pam and Eli eventually, and then have them use it to organize others around.

I'll be talking to Bruce this week and will let you know how the conversation with Rahm went. I will be in Massachusetts for much of this week getting ready for the wedding, but will be available through White House Signal. Next week, I'll be on the honeymoon, but will be reachable in emergencies.

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THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT YOUTH VIOLENCE

I. Statement of Purpose

The problem of youth violence is a national tragedy that requires national action. Over the past year, the school shootings that have terrorized Pearl, Peducah, Jonesboro, Edinboro, Springfield, Littleton, Conyers and the rest of the nation remind us of the horror of acts of violence by youth against youth. At the same time, juvenile violent crime remains too high, much higher than the overall crime rate. We have simply lost too many children. In the face of these tragedies, a national effort is demanded, in which all Americans come together to protect our children from violence.

We intend to create an organization that can focus the skills and energy of Americans from a wide-range of regions, occupations, and backgrounds to work towards achieving a shared goal of great national importance: preventing youth violence in our country. This campaign's chief focus will be on how each of us can take responsibility to prevent youth violence, rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame.

The organization will devote itself to achieving tangible, quantifiable goals and using a variety of means, including campaigning for Americans to work against violence in their communities, creating a national network to share effective techniques, and supporting community-based projects with promise. We recognize that while governmental action can help with this challenge, this is a campaign whose success will rely on the actions of American parents and children, businesses, spiritual and educational leaders. This organization will work to create support systems for our children so that they will turn away from violence.

II. Specific Goals

- Reduce the number of children killed by youth violence by 25% in 5 years.
- Enlist 10 million American parents and children to take a pledge to work to reduce violence within one year.
- Ensure all our children are given a healthy start.

III. General Strategies to Reduce Violence

The campaign will work on many fronts to focus on a series of issues related to youth violence: blocking children's access to guns, expanding mental health services, limiting young people's exposure to violence, and giving parents more tools to keep our children safe. The campaign will identify strategies that work, help spread promising ideas to other communities, and work with the media to send the right messages to our children.

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Identifying what works at the community level

It is critically important that the national campaign be grounded in the best information and research available, both on the causes of violence and on effective strategies that work to reduce youth violence. It will focus on strategies that are working to prevent youth violence, to reduce children's access to guns, to promote children's healthy development, to promote linkages to counseling and other services.

The national campaign will help identify promising ways to reduce youth violence at the community level by creating a web-site and publicizing programs like Boston. It will also increase the commitment of individuals, foundations and businesses to these initiatives and their evaluation.

A clearinghouse that coordinates efforts

The campaign -- as a national umbrella organization -- will also help focus on coordinating these strategies to prevent violence. Currently, there are numerous programs that focus on some aspects of youth violence (e.g., mentoring programs, crime prevention, mental health services). There are organizations and initiatives working on particular issues in particular communities across the country. The campaign will help to organize these varied strategies into one national effort in order to more effectively address the problem.

In addition, the campaign will work to disseminate the latest research on proven strategies that are working to reduce youth violence.

Working to organize parents and others at the grass-roots level

The campaign will help to organize and involve parents and others to help end youth violence. Those who are on the front lines of this problem are critical to the success of the campaign.

Supporting and stimulating state and local action

The national campaign will support and enhance existing efforts in states and communities to prevent youth violence, and stimulate more states and major cities to develop well-organized coalitions to reduce youth violence.

IV. Specific Campaign Initiatives

The problem of youth violence is a multi-faceted one, involving a range of problems -- no single strategy will work. The agenda of this campaign is to work on several fronts at once and build support across communities for action against youth violence.

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Safer Schools

While schools are still the safest place for children, the recent incidents of extreme violence on school sites tell us that we need to do more to protect our children.

The Campaign will focus on what's working and raise awareness about new strategies to make schools safer by:

- Promoting smaller schools and schools within schools, as well as smaller classes, so that children have more direct interaction with teachers and school administration. With smaller schools, children may receive more attention from adults, thereby alleviating any sense of isolation.
- Promoting effective violence prevention initiatives in the schools, including mentoring, conflict resolution, character education and after-school programs that work to reduce tensions and teach children how to address violence themselves.

Mental Health Services for Children

Too many of vulnerable children do not get the help they need: As many as one in every 33 children and one in eight adolescents may have depression. (U.S. Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), 1996) Two-thirds of children with mental health problems are either not treated or are treated inappropriately. (CMHS, 1996) And, the rate of suicide for five to 24-year olds has nearly tripled since 1960. (AACAP, 1995)

The Campaign will work to raise awareness and help give parents and others the tools they need to address this problem by:

- Promoting successful initiatives that identify vulnerable children early.
- Increasing awareness of mental health issues by working with parents and others to spot the early warning signs of problems.
- Working with the media as well as community-based organizations to promote awareness of mental health issues amongst children.
- Focusing on counseling services in schools, including highlighting the critical role of guidance counselors and working with teachers to identify children with problems.

A Campaign to Keep Guns Out of the Hands of Our Children

Children's easy access to guns have had dire consequences: In 1996, firearms in murders, suicides, and unintentional shootings killed 4,643 children and teenagers. Gunshot wounds are the second leading cause of death for all people aged 10-34. And 20% of all gun-owning households had a loaded, unlocked gun in the home, a figure that was significantly higher among

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households that had a handgun. In addition, 26% of all guns and 55% of handguns are usually kept loaded. According to a February 1997 report by the Centers for Disease Control, the rate of firearm deaths among children 0-14 years old is nearly twelve times higher in the United States than in 25 other industrialized countries combined. Finally, according to a recent poll, more than half of all teenagers say it would be easy for them to get a gun.

The Campaign will work to break the connection between children and guns by:

- Developing a national education initiative to inform parents about the need to keep guns out of the hands of children.
- Advocating for greater use of technology to block children from using guns without the supervision of their parents.
- *Issue:* Should the campaign work on legislation as Mothers Against Violence in America, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving have or is that too political for this organization?

Addressing the Culture of Violence:

Children witness 8,000 murders and 100,000 other assorted acts of violence by the time they graduate from elementary school, and an estimated 200,000 acts of violence, and 16,000 simulated murders, by the time they are teens. And study after study has found that exposure to violent media makes children more aggressive. Studies have also shown that television violence has a particularly negative effect on children who have a tendency towards aggressive behavior.

The campaign will work with the media to address the problem of violence by:

- Working with media organizations to support programs that work, e.g., public service announcements on mentoring, as well as ones to reduce youth violence more directly.
- Advocating for greater responsibility by the media -- video games, television, recordings, and movies -- to reduce the violence our children are exposed to.
- Working with the entertainment industry and retailers to enforce the ratings system so children are kept away from violent media.
- Helping inform parents about the ratings systems and the V-Chip.

Supporting Children and Families

We know that children need the support of their families and their communities to ensure that they grow up healthy. In fact, the campaign must address the sense of alienation that is plaguing too many children as they grow up without the support they need.

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The campaign will help parents address the problem of violence by :

- Focusing on initiatives and strategies that work to give parents the support they need – from parental support programs involving home visitation to after school programs.
- Advocating on behalf of more support from the business community for family-friendly policies that allow parents to spend more time with their children.
- Obtain 10 million pledges by parents to address the needs of their children by listening to them more and ensuring they are safe from gun violence (see AOL pledge).

V. Principles of the Campaign

- The campaign will be non-political and non-partisan.
- The campaign will be a private, non-governmental entity, though it will recognize that public-private partnerships and the involvement of major political leaders, including the President, are critical to its success.
- The campaign will be specifically designed to support and supplement, not supplant, the efforts of other groups and local communities. It will involve a broad diversity of people to work on youth violence, including parents, teachers, religious and community leaders, elected officials and young people themselves.
- The campaign will be built on a solid foundation of evaluation of which approaches work and which do not.

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
ANTI-VIOLENCE EVENT
FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL
EWING, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 10, 1999

I'm so pleased to be here, at Fisher Middle School, surrounded by people who care so much about our young people, and who are making such a positive difference in their lives. I particularly want to thank Ameerah [Am-EER-a] for your remarkable courage in sharing your story with us today. Instead of pulling back from the world after your devastating loss, you have dedicated yourself to helping others end the violence in their communities. You have deeply inspired us all here today.

I'm grateful that there are so many here who are standing by you, and who are working to silence the guns, and end the violence, as you are. I want to thank Ewing Schools Superintendent Timothy Wade for his leadership, and Fisher Middle School principal Warren Schuster, for hosting this important event. Special appreciation to counselor Marosa Davis who has worked so tirelessly to launch the Peacemakers Club, and make it such an integral part of the spirit and work of this school. I also want to recognize PTO president Joyce Thompson, and your Mayor, Alfred Bridges. Thank you, Tyrus [Bush, student body president], for speaking on behalf of all the wonderful students here.

I also want to thank Congressman Holt, for his strong and urgent words today on behalf of common sense gun control legislation. We are indebted to courageous lawmakers like him – who have been such uncompromising advocates for safer schools and communities – and who have helped place ending youth violence at the top of our nation's agenda.

We've heard a lot today and over the past month about youth violence, and the terrible toll it has taken on students like yourselves – and all of us. But what I find so heartening about what I've heard here today – and in so many communities I've visited recently -- is that we are not looking for who we can blame. We're not here today wringing our hands, or feeling helpless. We are instead talking about what all of us can do together – to stop the violence, and create safe schools and communities.

I want to quote from Alicia Davis's poem – which she wrote as part of her work as a member of the Peacemakers Club, because I believe it captures why we're here. She wrote: "When will we stop judging and pointing our fingers in blame; when will we stop seeing differences, and realize that inside, we're all the same." We've come together today in part to answer Alicia's question. To talk about concrete, positive steps we can take together. But also to talk about the values that we all hold in common: our commitment to making our schools safe and supportive places for learning; our commitment to do everything we can do to protect our young people from a culture too filled with violence; and our commitment to keeping guns out of the hands of children.

All of us here recognize there are no single answers or solutions to the problem of

violence in our society. We've got to move on all fronts – in our homes; in our communities; and in the halls of Congress. We also know that there is not just one group of individuals or organizations who can make the changes that we know have to be made. Everyone has a role to play in ending youth violence. Parents. Schools. Religious leaders. Elected officials. The media. Law enforcement officials. Gun manufacturers. Young people themselves. This was the broad cross-section of people whom the President invited to the White House a few weeks ago, to talk about what we could all do in response to the Littleton tragedy.

The result of that meeting was a commitment to launch a national grass roots campaign to prevent youth violence. We would model the campaign on successful national efforts like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which showed us that we can change the culture and save lives when enough people, from all walks of life, say enough is enough.

We are just beginning to put this national campaign together – and we've been overwhelmed by the response we've received from communities across the country, who want to join; who want to share strategies; who want to be part of the solution. That's why I am so glad to be here at Fisher Middle School today, and to hear about what this school, and this community, are doing to change the culture of violence, and create a safe environment for learning.

When we talk about everyone having a role in creating safe schools – young people are right up there at the top of that list. And from what I've heard about the Peacemaker's Club – and all that you've accomplished here – I know it's a program that I would like to see in every school. The values you are learning as members of this Club – respecting each other's differences; listening to each other's point of view; refusing to look for blame; taking responsibility for your actions, and working toward a mutual solution – will not only serve you here in middle school. They are the basic rules of citizenship – what I call “habits of the heart” – that you will carry with you throughout your lives. And believe me, you can never be too young to learn those habits.

But we recognize that as important as programs like these are to the overall effort to end youth violence – we can't rely on schools and communities alone. Congress has a critical role to play as well – particularly when it comes to gun control. Congressman Holt has already spoken eloquently about how guns are far too accessible to young people – and the shocking statistics [100,000] of how many students bring guns to school every single day.

As the Congressman has said – we've made significant progress – particularly with the passage of the Brady bill; and the banning of nineteen deadly assault weapons from our streets and communities. But we're here today to commit ourselves to ensuring that the momentum that Littleton and other incidents of violence have given to gun control legislation doesn't die. We must all speak in one voice: teachers and students; parents and children; Republicans and Democrats: It's time to close the loopholes on background checks -- no matter where guns are sold. It's time to ensure every gun has a safety lock. It's time to ban juveniles from possessing assault weapons. It's time to work together to end the culture of guns and violence in America, and turn it into a culture of caring and support for our children.

Critical gun control legislation is coming to the House floor early next week. And I hope – as we all do – that members of Congress on both sides of the aisle will stand firm. We can't allow a watered down version of what the Senate approved last week to pass in the House. We can't allow Congress open up the loopholes that we have just closed – so that background checks would not be required at many events at which guns are sold. We can't allow Congress to create a safe harbor for criminals – by eliminating the crime gun tracing requirements in the Senate bill. We owe it to the families of Littleton; we owe it to our children; we owe it to our citizens; we owe it to our nation's future to move forward – not backward -- on these and other common sense gun control provisions.

I want to thank everyone here today – for working in so many ways to end the violence in our schools and communities, and to give our children what they most deserve; a future full of hope, in a world that is safe.

Thank you.

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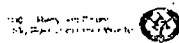
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I am currently majoring in Political Science, minor in education. I have worked with the Mothers' Against Violence, an organization started by my mother after the death of my brother Kenneth. I worked as a counselor for the Trenton Area YMCA. I am also a member of the Youth Corps for the Coalition for Peace Action. In addition I am a facilitator with the Real Alternatives to Violence for Everyone (RAVE) program headed by Tom Truitt. I am looking forward to continuing my education and graduating in the year 2002.

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Ameerah McBride
Speech (Tentative)

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen and young people. My name is Ameerah McBride and I would like to share my story with you. Six years ago, on March 21 my brother Kenneth McBride was attending a party at Rider University where he was shot and killed. My brother Kenny was a student at Delaware State University where he was majoring in Engineering. He was home on spring break when his life tragically ended. Losing my only brother was devastating to everyone in my family. No one knows how the 17 year old youth purchased the handgun. All we know is that young individual and his handgun took away from us something that can never be replaced. I will never be able to experience any of life's pleasures with my brother. My mother will never have another son, and my brother will never have the chance to see my sister or me graduate from high school or college. I could never explain to you or anyone else the pain that I have gone through since the loss of my brother. I would only ask that you as young men and women remember my story if ever you are confronted with the chance to pick up a handgun or any weapon. Take the time to think about the people who will suffer, and remember how precious life is. The decision you make can save your life as well as others.

It pleases me to know that the First Lady has come to the state of New Jersey and Fisher Middle School to address these extremely important issues facing our youth today. Her relentless effort to reach out to the young people of this nation is greatly appreciated and should be applauded. Ladies and gentlemen it is an honor to present to you today the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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June 10, 1999

Comments by Principal Warren Schuster

It is with great pride that I stand before you today to celebrate and applaud the topic of Peace in our schools. It is with even greater pride that we welcome First Lady Hillary Clinton and Congressman Rush Holt to share in the celebration.

As educators, we have recognized that we must be pro-active in working toward creating a positive learning environment for our students. Schools must be that "safe harbor" for schools are the cornerstone of our society.

This year, Fisher Middle School decided to adopt a school-wide peacemaking movement which would come to be entitled "Living in Peace - Learning in Peace." The idea for this initiative as well as the driving force for the entire effort is one of our Guidance Counselors, Mrs. Marossa Davis. Let us take a moment to recognize her for the hundreds of hours of time that she has given to make this concept a reality.

Mrs. Davis and other staff members of the Peacemaking Committee developed a year long program that encouraged our students to be peacemakers on a daily basis. Each month a separate theme was focused upon. The themes included the qualities of Friendship, Respect, Appreciation, Sharing, Cooperation, Caring, Teamwork, Kindness, Responsibility, and Harmony.

Activities conducted during the year included our students wearing of "Peace" T-shirts, and "Increase the Peace" buttons; a September "Peace Assembly" featuring Rev. Darrell Armstrong; incorporation into the curriculum of famous peacemakers in history; displays in our Media Center, Showcase, and Board of Education office; individual and team awards; and recognition of individual students in our school whose peace-making efforts contributed to the program. Most noticeable among these Peacemakers are our 25 Peer Mediators whose efforts toward "Increasing the Peace" have been truly miraculous.

*Ewing Township Public Schools: Providing a Foundation for Life
Living in Peace ... Learning in Peace*

Another vehicle for increasing the peace came via our Peacemakers Club who involved themselves in many projects throughout the year to keep the entire initiative going. The advisors to the club are Mrs. Diane Mozzo and Mrs. Lois Ernst. The Fisher Middle School Peacemakers Club and a group of students from Parkway Elementary School became "Peace Pals." The purpose of this was to "plant the seed" of communication between elementary and middle school students, and to send the message to the elementary children that Fisher Middle School is a safe place to be. Credit teachers Linda Jolly and Nancy Chodoroff with providing outstanding leadership of this part of the Peace Initiative.

There are many adults in this room who have worked very hard to implement programs such as this to keep our school safe. Although time does not allow me to mention all names, I applaud your efforts. But most of all, I applaud the students of Fisher Middle School who have worked hard to "Increase the Peace".

As a 1997-98 New Jersey Best Practice School, we were disappointed when the Department of Education did not recognize our Peacemaking Initiative this year. However, that disappointment has totally disappeared by having Mrs. Clinton and Congressman Holt join us today.

At this time I present to you Congressman Rush Holt

Good afternoon Fisher. This afternoon, as you can see, we have a special guest. As your student council president. I am honored to have been asked to present to you the First Lady of our country Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton is here as a result of our school wide, year long Peacemaking program. Our Fisher Peacemaking Program has adopted as its slogan "Living in Peace Learning in Peace" and its motto "Increase the peace".

Since receiving our T-Shirts in September the entire student body of Fisher had been involved in many activities related to the monthly peace sub themes. These themes which are posted throughout the school are: friendship, respect, appreciation, sharing, cooperation, caring, responsibility, kindness, teamwork, and harmony.

We've had a most successful year working with the cooperation of the 850 member student body and the staff members vigorously supporting and creating activities, artwork and lessons around these themes.

Mrs. Clinton, it is with great pride that I present to you the student body of Fisher Middle School. Fisher Middle School it is with great pleasure, and I count it an esteemed privilege, to present to you the First Lady of our country, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL

COMPLETES A YEAR LONG PEACE INITIATIVE

Ewing, NJ — Fisher Middle School's Peace Initiative united the whole school community. The initiative was evident in the classroom, in halls, and in the community and included curriculum-based study, community service projects and school-wide awareness activities.

"In order to support Fisher's positive school environment, a peacemaking initiative has been established. We are taking this pro-active step to promote the continued safety of our school. Every member of the school community will strive to be a peacemaker on a daily basis. A peacemaker demonstrates ...friendship, respect, appreciation, sharing, cooperation, caring, teamwork, kindness, responsibility, and harmony." FMS Peacemaking Committee.

The Peace Initiative was kick-off in September with a special speaker Reverend Darrell L. Armstrong where 900 students wore new red tee-shirts with the Fisher eagle and the Peace Initiative logo on the back. Rev. Armstrong has a master in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, is a Assistant Pastor for Missions and Outreach for Shiloh Baptist Church and works for the Religious Life Office at Princeton University.

Classroom teachers included the study of famous people, problem solving and world events in their lessons. A new peacemaking club was started to encourage students to be peacemaker role model and to organize the peace ribbon and a newsletter to encourage students to be peacemaker role model and to organize the peace ribbon and a newsletter. They announce the community service projects by making signs for projects like the Tree of Warmth and hung peace cards in the halls. A song and a cheer was written to be used by the cheerleaders and students throughout

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the year.

Students and staff were recognized for participating and demonstrating the monthly peace attribute by receiving a peace card which has been displayed in the halls.

In December, The students declared December 4, PEACE DAY in the School. The students and staff all worn their new red t-shirts. Throughout the school year, the students worn the shirts a statement and support of the initiative. Students were often seen in the community proudly wearing their Peace Shirts.

Starting in the last fall, students of Ms. Jolly's 5th grade from Parkway and Mrs. Chodoroff's 7th grade communications class wrote to each other and exchanged projects as part of the Peace Pal Project. This a pilot program creating a bridge between the elementary students and the middle school students. One of the goals is to foster understanding and to build friendship for when the now 5th graders move to Fisher Middle as 6th graders. The students worked on a peace art project, exchange photographs. In March, the Peace Pals as their community service project gave talent show for the residents of the Greenwood House Home for the Aged.

At the Cultural Fest in May, the peace tent was completely covered with projects the students had created including a peace quilts, peace cards, acrostic posters.

Through out the year, students created projects in classes and displayed them the Fisher Website.

Next year's goal with promote the concept that keeping "the our school peaceful is everyone's responsibility."

In Ewing district, in each of the schools there are counselors which give lessons in peacemaking, Win/Win guidelines, conflict resolution, cooperation and understand. At the elementary schools there are lessons on peacemaking, Dealing with Bullies, prejudice, respect and responsibility, developing stronger social skills, anti-guns, antiviolenace, Let's Play it Safe. The Win/Win Guidelines are used in all the classroom by students and staff.

Next week, the Lore School is being recognized by NJ Department of Education with a STAR SCHOOL Award for their UNITY program which unifies many positive and important values.

In addition, the middle school and the high school have conflict resolution and peer mediation programs.

Mr. Warren Schuster is Fisher's principal. Fisher Middle School located at 1325 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, Township, NJ.

FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mission Statement

The mission of Fisher Middle School is to provide the opportunity to achieve **academic success** in a positive school environment which will enable the unique middle level learner to advance toward becoming a productive citizen.

Beliefs

Each child must be challenged to think critically, problem solve, and use appropriate decision making skills.

The school, family, and community share responsibility for providing maximum opportunities for all students to succeed.

The development of the whole child (social, emotional, physical, ethical, and academic) is crucial.

A safe, healthy, positive learning environment is essential to education.

Pride in the school community is a necessary component in the development of a healthy child.

The uniqueness of each individual and culture must be respected.

Each child will learn the content of the curriculum and develop the necessary skills to progress to his/her next level.

It is the ultimate responsibility of the student to learn.

Peacemaking Initiative

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| - friendship | - caring |
| - respect | - teamwork |
| - appreciation | - kindness |
| - sharing | - responsibility |
| - cooperation | - harmony |

THE WIN/WIN GUIDELINES

1. Take time for cooling off if needed. Find alternative ways to express anger.
2. Each person states their feelings and the problem as they see it, using "I Messages." No blaming, no name-calling, no interrupting.
3. Each person states the problem as the *other person* sees it.*
4. Each person says how they themselves are responsible for the problem.*
5. Brainstorm solutions together and choose a solution that satisfies both — a Win/Win solution.
6. Affirm, forgive, or thank.

*Optional Steps.

RULES FOR USING WIN/WIN GUIDELINES

1. Be respectful toward each other.
2. Listen while the other person speaks.
3. Be honest.
4. No blaming, name-calling, interrupting.
5. Work toward a solution both people are comfortable with.

GOOOD NEWS ALERT

Fisher Middle School Receives 1997-98 The New Jersey BEST PRACTICE AWARD

Fisher Middle School won the N. J. Best Practice Award for the student support services. Mr. Warren Schuster and his dedicated professional staff submitted a comprehensive student support program for consideration by the State of New Jersey Department of Education under the education support category.

Fisher's Student Support Program consists of the following strategies: Guidance and Counseling, Student Assistance Counselor, Conflict Resolution, Peer Mediation, Homework Hotline, Agenda Book, Student Success Advocate, CORE Team, Student at Risk Program, the Administrative Link, Lunch Bunch, Peer Leadership Initiative, and the C.O.A.C.H Program.

"During the middle school years, students need the types of support which we are providing them. Our support system monitors their progress academically, socially, and emotionally. When monitored and supported, children will produce to their potential."

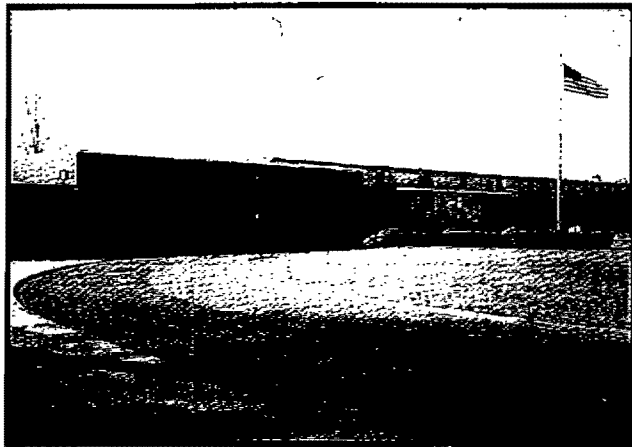
— Taken from Fisher's Application for Best Practice

"The Best Practice/Star School programs...models of innovative and efficient programs which promote high student achievement." — Department of Education

Recently, Fisher's Best Practice Award was announced in *The Times* and discussed on *NJ Network* as a good system of support services for students.

Ewing Township Public Schools are very proud of this accomplishment and our Fisher staff. Congratulations!

GILMORE J. FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Vice Principals

Warren Schuster
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~~Jerry Wilson~~ Dr. Rebecca White Johnson

MISSION STATEMENT

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ACTIVITIES

Students will be given an opportunity to choose clubs or activities to join. Daily bulletin announcements are made advising students when these activities and clubs meet and how to go about signing up to participate. Teams are open to students in grades 7 and 8. Clubs are open to students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Each student may join one or more of these:

Baseball Team Girls' Intramurals Club

Boys' Basketball
Boys' Intramurals Club
Boys' Soccer
Cheerleading
Computer Club
Drama Club
Drill Team
Girls' Basketball
Girls' Field Hockey
Yearbook Club
Girls' Soccer
Girls' Softball
Mac Writing Club
Odyssey of the Mind
R.O.G.A.T.E.
Spanish Club
Stage Band
Vocal Ensemble
Weightlifting Club

STAFF

Because middle school students experience dramatic physical and emotional changes during this growth period, our emphasis is to provide a support system through teaming. At Fisher, we have a House Plan Organization which is divided into nine instructional teams, 3 at each grade level (6, 7, and 8). These teams of teachers teach Math, Science, Communications and Social Studies. In addition to these



subjects, we also offer courses in Art, Music, Health & Physical Education, Foreign Language, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Human Relations and Computer. Other staff members include three guidance counselors, a three-member Child Study Team, a Student Success Counselor and a Student Assistance Counselor.

FACILITIES

Fisher has a 570-seat auditorium, an Art room, a Career Center, a Media Center supplied with Macintosh computers and two Computer labs (one used as a MAC Writing Lab and the other for computer instruction). In addition, we also house an Instrumental Music room, a weight room and two cafeterias. Sports fields surround the school.



PROGRAMS

Our teams sponsor many activities throughout the school year. These include International Festivals, Ethnic Awareness Day, Author's Tea, Adopt-a-Park Program, Medieval Festivals, Career Day, Kindness Week, Times Newspaper Spelling Bee, Peoples Court, 50s Day and 6th Grade Olympics. Our Guidance Department sponsors a Peer Mediation Program, Teen Cap and a Student Success Program. Our Instrumental Group performs a Winter and Spring Concert each year and also performs for community events. Fisher's Choir, consisting of approximately 300 students, also has a Vocal Ensemble of 40 students who perform for various events.

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In the fall of 1998 Marossa Davis, counselor at Fisher Middle School, launched The Peacemakers Club.

Ms. Davis has been on staff at Fisher for 24 years, as a health and physical education teacher, a substance abuse counselor and now a guidance counselor for 7th and 8th grade students.

The club includes about 20 students in grades six, seven and eight, tend the school's efforts by writing newsletters, planting flowers, posting signs and promoting monthly themes.

Some themes for the year: September – friendship; October – respect; November – appreciation; December – sharing; January – cooperation; February – caring; March – teamwork; April – kindness; May – responsibility; June – Harmony.

Enclosed is a winning original poem by eighth-grader Alicia Davis, 8th grade.

All middle school classes dismiss students at 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Davis advises that a 30-minute event, beginning as close to 1:30 as possible would be the least complicated. She will arrange for the Peacemakers Club members to join Rep. Holt and the First Lady for a discussion of peacemaking efforts and school safety.

In addition, we would like to invite Ewing Schools Superintendent Timothy Wade, Principal Warren Schuster, Counselor Marossa Davis, the school PTA president and Ewing Mayor Alfred Bridges. The event would be open to the press.

Winning Original Poem

America's Wake Up Call page 1

- on land of the beautiful land of the free
land of liberty & prosperity
- It's time to arise it's time to awake
Before your fault becomes your fate
- For too long we sat with blinded eyes
while the US crime rate was on the
rise.
- When bad things happened we act as
though we didn't care as though we
never knew and we won't act upon them
until the tragedy comes to you
- Then you sit & ask why when you
could have done something so that young
child wasn't caused to die
- But instead of trying to help each other
we're steady trying to compete so caught
up in competition while drugs dominate
our street.
- Guns in every home guns in every hand
our differences has torn apart our once
united land.
- Blinded by hate torn by war
When will it stop tell me how much
more.

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- Tell me how much more pain, How long will we let hatred reign
- When will we stop judging & pointing our fingers in blame, when will we stop seeing differences and realize that inside we're all the same.
- Why must all this blood be shed because of our ignorance so many are dead
- When will you finally realize that we must lift up & not minimize
- Don't you see what's going on in our society we all stand aloof theres no more unity.
- Oh is this how we're going down is this the end, America wake up learn comprehend

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- America you'll wake up if you know
what's good for you, wake up & erase
the separation lines we draw.
- Wake up America or it will be too late
your fault might just become your fate
- Wake up wake up wake up I say
open your eyes to a brand new day
- We can stay a wound we don't
have to heal, you don't have to listen
to me do what you feel.

But unless you want your nation
to fall America you need this wake
up call

by

Alicia

Alicia Davis

Grade 8

Peacemaker Club Member

To: Craig Hughes

From: Michelle Ruess, press secretary for Rep. Rush Holt

Regarding message of First Lady visit to Fisher Middle School, Ewing

Rep. Holt, a strong proponent of handgun control and anti-violence efforts, also sees this event as focusing on restricting access to guns.

We plan to include some victims of violence as well as handgun control advocates in the roundtable discussion with the school's Peacemakers Club.

While the school will provide a visual setting and enable the Congressman and First Lady to interact with youngsters, we are not there to discuss the club.

Rep. Holt will applaud the club's efforts but stress that peacemaking efforts cannot protect children from gun violence, we need new laws, better policies, more police on the street and in the schools and enforcement of existing laws.

Enclosed please find Rep. Holt's anti-violence action plan announced Thursday June 3.

Rep. Holt sees the appearance at Fisher Middle School as a continued message on the need to enact further restrictions on handgun possession and to encourage the development of smart gun technology.



SAFER SCHOOLS – SAFER CHILDREN REPRESENTATIVE RUSH HOLT'S ANTI-VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN

"There aren't any easy solutions to the problem of school violence. The recent tragedies in Littleton, Atlanta, and elsewhere have left every American struggling for answers. "Copycat" threats at schools across the country – including right here in central New Jersey – are highlighting the need to help ensure that our children are safe in the classroom.

Government alone can't solve the problem. But it can take common sense steps to help limit the availability of guns, provide more resources to parents, and teachers and demand greater responsibility from the media. These are positive steps that will help make a difference."

ENACT COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS

PASS A ONE-GUN-A-MONTH LAW: Initiatives like the Brady Law stop minors, criminals, and those who have been adjudicated mentally ill from buying handguns in gun shops and sporting goods stores. However, the law does not stop people from buying guns for others in so-called "straw man" transactions. In these transactions, an individual who may legally purchase a firearm is hired to purchase firearms for someone who is prohibited by law from making the purchase. In the Columbine tragedy, evidence shows that the suspects, who were minors, were able to have a friend purchase guns for them which they legally could not have obtained on their own.

A "One Handgun Per Month" law makes it illegal for anyone to purchase more than one handgun in any 30-day period. Limiting handgun purchases to one per person per month makes it harder for straw men to buy large amounts of guns for those who should not have them. It also cuts down on the secondary black market for guns.

In the House, Representative Robert Wexler (D-FL) has introduced H.R.315, and Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced the corresponding Senate bill, S.407, that would enact this policy, which is already proving successful in Virginia and Maryland. As a cosponsor, Congressman Holt will work for passage of the bill this summer as Congress considers juvenile justice legislation.

RAISE THE MINIMUM LEGAL AGE FOR HANDGUN POSSESSION:

According to the Centers for Disease Control, children in the U.S. are 12 times more likely to die because of a firearm than those in other industrialized countries. In addition, violent crime among minors peaks at the age of 18. Ironically, that is the age at which

many youths in the United States can legally own a handgun. We should raise the legal age for handgun ownership and possession from 18 to 21 and increase penalties for transferring a handgun to anyone under 21. Our society mandates that you must be 21 to legally drink alcohol. You should have to be 21 to own a handgun as well.

INVEST IN SMART GUNS & SAFETY LOCKS: All across the country, including here in New Jersey, elected officials and activists are promoting the sale and use of "trigger lock" safety devices. Such laws will help to reduce the number of accidental firearms injuries to adults and minors alike. As a lead cosponsor of the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act of 1999, Representative Rush Holt believes they should be enacted immediately. In addition, however, more research should be done on the development of so-called "smart guns," which can be personalized so that they can only be discharged by the gun owner. Currently, no working version of a smart gun exists. Colt Firearms has done extensive research into the development of such weapons and is prepared to two deliver test models to the federal government.

The federal government, through the Department of Justice and through the National Labs, primarily the Sandia National Lab, has conducted limited research on the development and possible barriers to the use of smart guns. More needs to be done. The Department of Justice should undertake additional studies of the development of smart guns, both for law enforcement officers and for citizens. While this will not solve the problem of existing guns, it will help to make new guns that are produced safer and less likely to be stolen. It will give consumers who choose to own guns safer options. It will also help curb firearm injuries among young children and the number of police officers that are killed every year in gun "take-away" incidents. The message is simple. If government and industry can work in partnership to develop safer caps for medicine bottles, they should also be able to help improve the safety of firearms.

GIVE MORE RESOURCES TO PARENTS & TEACHERS

GIVE INTERNET TOOLS TO PARENTS: sixty percent of all parents do not think that the Internet is a safe place for their children, a study by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania found. A recent Time/CNN poll found that 75 percent of teenagers from 13 to 17 believe the Internet is partly responsible for the shootings in Littleton, Colorado.

While both parents and teenagers are aware of the dangers that the indiscriminate use of the Internet poses, many find it difficult to locate the resources needed to make the Internet a safer place for children.

Today, Representative Holt is unveiling a new page on his Web site, "The Family Internet Toolbox," offering a wealth of suggestions and resources on Internet safety. The site is located at www.house.gov/rholt/safesurf.htm.

The site includes surfing tips for both parents and children, information on commercially available Internet filters, and a list of "kid-safe" Internet search sites. "The Family Internet Toolbox" also includes links to sites by the U.S. Department of Education and Federal Bureau of Investigation focusing on Internet and handgun safety that can be utilized by parents, teachers and school administrators.

HIRE MORE COUNSELORS: Currently, one school counselor may serve hundreds – even thousands – of students. With that volume, it is difficult to identify kids who are at risk of becoming violent. We need to do more to help schools hire qualified counselors. Legislation recently introduced in Congress by Congressman Bob Menendez, Congressman Holt and others would earmark \$700 million for each of the fiscal years 2000 to 2004 to help schools hire new counselors.

The Department of Education would provide grants for school districts to hire Crisis Prevention Counselors and fund school anti-violence initiatives. Half of the grants would go to fund crisis prevention counselors and crisis prevention programs. Counselors would be trained in dispute resolution and be a resource for students who are troubled or have been threatened by violence. The counselors would be able to detect the warning signs of potential violence and intervene, if necessary. In addition, the counselor would be another trusted adult whom a student could confide in, if they hear of an act of violence that is being planned.

HELP COMMUNITIES AFFORD COPS IN SCHOOLS: The Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program has been successful in helping to reduce crime and involve communities in violence prevention. COPS has instituted a new program to help communities who choose hire a police officer to help keep schools safe. Legislation pending in Congress would authorize \$1.5 billion over the next five years to extend the Community Oriented Policing Services program (COPS) to add 20,000 new officers. Half of the funding would be targeted for cooperative school-police partnerships to place safety officers in schools. Several school districts in central New Jersey are receiving grants under this program.

DEMAND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

CRACK DOWN ON VIOLENT ADS: Television networks currently have self-imposed ratings standards designed to limit the broadcast of violent adult-oriented programming to hours when minors are less likely to watch. But no voluntary guidelines exist to regulate the broadcast of violent advertising for products and for programming. Likewise, there is no industry-wide standard which calls on magazines to self-regulate the kind of violent ads they accept. Representative Holt will be leading the charge in Congress to call on the networks, cable television and the print media to establish voluntary industry guidelines to regulate advertising with violent content.



June 7, 1999

Ms. Neera Tanden
Second Floor, Southwest Wing
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Neera:

It was nice talking with you earlier today. Per your request, enclosed is information about PAX, The National Movement to End Gun Violence.

As we discussed, PAX (which is Latin for "Peace") is taking a very unique and much needed approach to the gun violence issue. Rather than direct political lobbying and contributing to the political debate, PAX is about creating a dialogue through which all Americans, including responsible gun owners, come together to create change. PAX is dedicated to empowering the overwhelming majority of Americans who already support common sense solutions and creating a cultural and political voice that can no longer be ignored.

PAX's programs and initiatives, therefore, are based in media and mass communications. Working with partners that include MTV, Chancellor Media (which owns over 400 radio stations nationwide), DKNY as well several top advertising agencies, web designers, celebrities and entertainers, PAX is making it urgent accessible and even hip for every American to become part of the solution.

One of PAX's upcoming major initiatives is a national PSA campaign that will launch this summer called the **A.S.K. campaign** (Asking Saves Kids). The campaign urges parents to ask their neighbors if there is a gun in the home before they let their children play there. It is intended to change the dialogue around the gun violence issue from a political debate to a matter of good parenting and personal responsibility. Creative work is being developed by BBH, one of the world's leading advertising agencies. In the meantime, we have enclosed a short video summarizing the campaign's strategy. Please note, however, that this is only a crude video, produced in under 24 hours for a recent event. The actual advertising campaign will be very different and even more compelling.



Neera Tanden

June 7, 1999

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Neera, we would greatly look forward to discussing Mrs. Clinton's participation in the launch and promotion of the ASK campaign. We are certain that it could fit in very well with the issue of youth and violence which Mrs. Clinton so eloquently and powerfully embracing. We would also be interested in learning your thoughts about our National Youth Petition (hard copy enclosed). We are already approaching 100,000 signatures and we have only just begun promoting it with our media partners. An event with the President and First Lady with representative children presenting the Petition to them could be very compelling.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and exploring opportunities to work together to achieve our important mutual goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Gross". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and "G".

Daniel Gross

Founder, Executive Director

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We are the future of America and we demand a future free from gun violence. We will no longer remain silent as a preventable epidemic devastates our towns, our homes and our schools.

We call on President Clinton to hold a national leadership summit to develop a concrete plan to end the crisis of gun violence in our nation. We call for this plan to be in place by the dawn of the new millennium.

We demand solutions, not politics, and we demand those solutions now.

Every day we wait another 14 young Americans die.

Signed,

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Mail to the address shown here or
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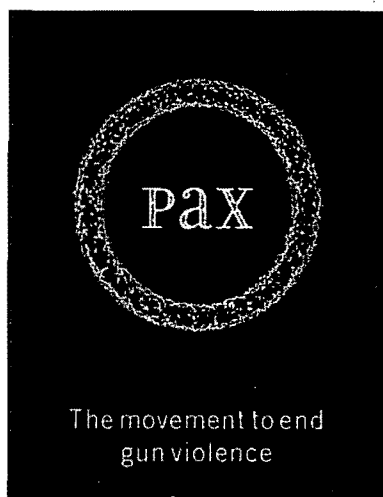
Every day in America 14 young people are killed by gun violence. Now you can help do something. PAX's goal is to get over one million signatures by October, 1999, and present the petition to the President. If you are under 30, sign the Million Voices Petition and demand your right to a safe and peaceful future.

Mail your signed petition to PAX at the address below or sign the petition online at www.paxpetition.org. Pass the petition on to all your friends and family, and thanks for joining...

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PAX 1998 HIGHLIGHTS

Launch Press Conference. On February 23, PAX held a press conference to announce its launch. The event coincided with the one year anniversary of the shooting atop the Empire State Building which left Matthew Gross, the brother PAX Co-Executive Director Daniel Gross, critically wounded. The event featured, among others, James and Sarah Brady, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Chuck Schumer, Representative Carolyn McCarthy and Mayor Giuliani and received extensive national press coverage.

Launch Benefit Event. On February 28, PAX celebrated its launch with a major benefit party at The Puck Building in New York City. Over 2,500 people attended including several celebrities and dignitaries. The Honorary Hosts included Billy Baldwin, Mayor Giuliani and Donna Karan and several major musical acts provided live entertainment.

DKNY Jeans Initiative. In February, DKNY Jeans designed T-shirts and pins for PAX. They were put on sale at Macy's New York and quickly sold out. Based on that success, merchandise will be distributed nationally along with in-store literature and other display materials.

Radio City Music Hall Event. On May 31st, New York Radio Station Z100 sponsored a major concert featuring Mariah Carey, Gloria Estefan, Matchbox 20, 'N Sync and others to benefit PAX. As part of this program, Z100 ran hundreds of PAX ads with educational information about gun violence. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy spoke at the show, and many of the artists incorporated anti-gun violence messages into their performances.

Teen People Contest. In September, DKNY Jeans sponsored a contest in the back-to-school issue of *Teen People* magazine for students to submit their ideas for ending gun violence. There were over 5,000 responses. The winner received a DKNY wardrobe and was featured in *Teen People*. A media event was held with TV star Danielle Fischel, surprising the winners at their high school. PAX is currently developing an exhibition of event entries.

The National Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. On October 8th, over one million students across the nation took a pledge of personal responsibility to end gun violence. PAX helped promote the Pledge in schools by providing educational materials and bringing in local and national leaders to celebrate the initiative. Both Aerosmith and Matchbox 20 created radio ads promoting PAX and the Pledge which ran locally on Z100 and nationally on other Chancellor stations.

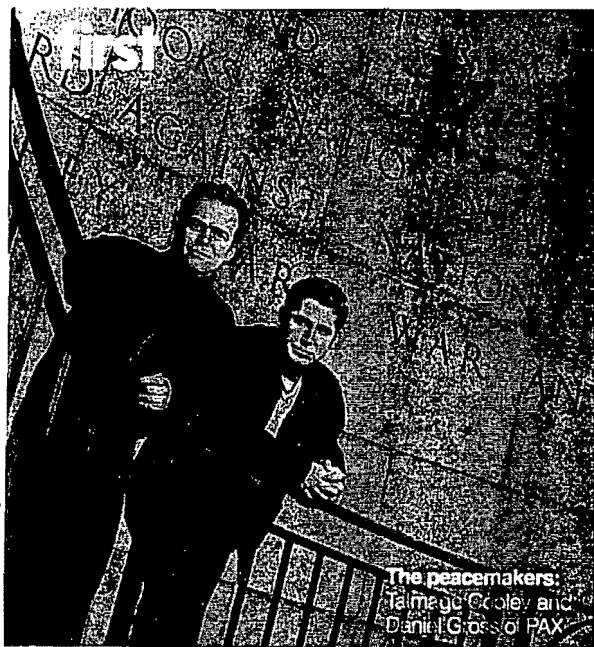
The PAX Website. In November, PAX launched the first phase of its state-of-the-art website (www.paxusa.org), which provides everything from key facts and information to links with other organizations to a mechanism that enables individuals to learn about and contact their legislators. Phase two of the site, which will include a secure area where grassroots groups across the nation can communicate and organize, will be launched in mid-1999.

Music Industry Initiatives. Matchbox 20 donated a portion of their tour proceeds and distributed PAX literature at every show with information in their official tour book. PAX also has a message in several compact disc releases and recently announced its "25 Cents for Peace" program where artists are donating 25 cents from tour tickets to PAX and are incorporating messages into their shows. Better Than Ezra is the first act to participate and PAX is talking to several others. PAX is also currently working with both MTV and Chancellor Media to develop new national music industry initiatives.

PAX Individual Information Kits. PAX has developed informational kits to let people know what they can do to be a part of the movement to end gun violence. Tens of thousands have been distributed to individuals through schools, grassroots groups and at major concerts and events. The kits are customized by region to help steer people to local grassroots groups.

PAX's Advertising. On behalf of Handgun Control, PAX developed an ad supporting the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act. The full-page ad ran in The New York Times and several magazines and generated significant public support. In 1999 PAX will launch its national television and print PSA campaign. The ads, which are being developed by Bartle Bogle & Hegarty, one of the world's leading ad agencies, will urge parents to ask their neighbors if there's a gun in the home before they let their children play there. PAX has already received commitments from several national television and radio networks to air this campaign once it is complete and ads will also be given to grassroots organizations to run locally.

Hollywood Support. PAX has already received support for its initiatives from some of the biggest names in the entertainment community, including Gene Hackman, Anthony Hopkins, Danny DeVito, Madonna, Billy Baldwin, Ellen DeGeneres, Laurence Fishburne, Uma Thurman, Rosie O'Donnell and Robin Williams, among many others. Such support will be invaluable over the long-term in helping to create the awareness necessary to make The PAX Movement a success.



The peacemakers:
Talmage Cooley and
Daniel Gross of PAX

under the gun Will America wise up about violent crime?

In the wake of Jonesboro, West Paducah, and far too many other stunning incidents of gun violence, pundits have bemoaned the "senselessness" of the crimes. Of course, drugs, music, or movies could have influenced the rise of gun-inflicted deaths in the U.S. (35,957 in 1995 is the last official count). But rather than furthering the debate over whether politics or pop culture is to blame, Talmage Cooley and Daniel Gross, founders of the new national anti-gun violence organization PAX, believe—with startling common sense—that the most efficient solution is to attack the only concrete cause of the problem: how incredibly easy it is to get a hold of a gun in this country. "The reality is, these tragedies make *a lot* of sense," says Gross. "Everybody wonders, How do kids get this way? How does something like this happen? I'll tell you *exactly* how: The kids had access to guns."

A former ad exec, Gross, thirty-one, left his job to start PAX after his brother Matthew was critically injured and a friend of Matthew's killed in the February 1997 shooting on top of the Empire State Building. ("There are only about

four blocks in New York City where you can't see the Empire State, and I know every one of them," he says.) Cooley, thirty-eight, a writer/director, was already collaborating with Susan Sarandon and Griffin Dunne on gun-safety issues before he met Gross. Impressively passionate and media savvy, the pair, whose supporters include Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, James Brady, MTV, and DKNY Jeans, plan an all-out campaign of benefits, concerts, and PSAs that they hope will turn the tide on gun violence. A Web site set to launch this summer (www.pax-usa.org) will provide information on legislations sure to reduce shooting deaths, like child-access prevention laws. Yet Cooley and Gross are adamant about not becoming another divisive antigun lobby. "Eighty percent of the people in this country, including 70 percent of gun owners, already support [gun-safety] legislations, but, unbelievably, *nothing* happens, because it's been a political issue," says Cooley. "What we have to do is think of it as a public-health epidemic—one that all Americans can come together to cure." —LOUISA KAMIS

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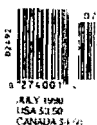


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You can choose one of three different ways to enter:

a written essay, a photo essay or a home video. The theme is the same for each category: How has gun violence made an impact on teens' lives, and what can be done to stop it? One winner from each category will receive a personalized DKNY Jeans wardrobe worth \$1,000. For complete details on how to enter, see page 212. If you'd like to learn more about PAX, or about bringing a Student Pledge Against Gun Violence project to your school on October 8th of this year, call 212-957-5661 or visit the PAX Web site (www.paxusa.org).

Charity begins on the road: Playing for a cause is cool

The bottom line on the Smashing Pumpkins summer tour: zero.

Industry bean counters may question the wisdom of the nonprofit tour, which ended last week, but the Pumpkins say donating 100% of ticket proceeds to charity reaps gains that can't be calculated in black ink.

"We're investing in the future," says Billy Corgan. "We can't just sit here as a generation and say, 'Everything sucks.' We had our everything-sucks moment, and now we're saying, 'What are we going to do about it?' We're not going to wait for our parents to figure it out because we don't think they've done a very good job."

"We don't think we can change the world, but we can at least address the realities, which aren't as hard as the crumbling of our illusions. It's simply disenchantment. So get out and do something!"

Many rockers are.

► Two Pearl Jam concerts in Seattle raised \$500,000 for charities assisting underprivileged youth, AIDS patients and Native Americans. The band has also scheduled a Sept. 19 Voters for Choice benefit in Washington, D.C., to raise cam-

paign funds for candidates supporting abortion rights.

► The H.O.R.D.E. Tour is channeling a portion of profits to AIDS charity LIFEbeat and Planned Parenthood.

► Matchbox 20 pegged some proceeds from its current tour to PAX, devoted to ending gun violence.

► \$1 from each Lilith Fair ticket sold goes to such nonprofit groups as the Breast Cancer Fund.

But the Pumpkins alone donated all. They earned no pay. Travel, equipment, crew salaries and all expenses except venue fees came from their pockets. "If we ate the cost of the buildings, we'd go broke," Corgan says.

The U.S. trek raised \$2.7 million for youth-oriented charities addressing pediatric AIDS, crack babies, teen prostitution, homelessness and sexual abuse.

"We're trying to keep it to social concerns and not political issues," says D'Arcy.

The band's generosity "fits the spirit" of the uplifting *Adore*, Corgan says. "We're tired of all the negativity in the world. The only way to counter that is to do positive things. The public reaction has been beyond our wildest expectations."

By Edna Gundersen



Atlantic Records

Fund-raisers: Matchbox 20, made up of Paul Doucette, left, Brian Yale, Rob Thomas, Adam Gaynor and Kyle Cook, plans to give some tour proceeds to a group fighting gun violence.

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Q&A?

Matchbox 20

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After dropping out of high school,

Thomas slept frequently on park benches and friends' sofas, a semi-homeless existence the optimistic 26-year-old has expressed little angst over.

Promoting their multi-platinum album, *Yourself or Someone Like You*, has kept Matchbox 20 on tour for more than two years. But their forever-on-the-road lifestyle is still cushier than Thomas's upbringing. Born on a military base in Germany, he grew up for a while with his grandmother in South Carolina, then with his divorced mother in Orlando. After dropping out of high school, Thomas slept frequently on park benches and friends' sofas, a semi-homeless existence the optimistic 26-year-old has expressed little angst over.

In fact, Matchbox 20 may cast a deep dark shadow in videos, but in person they're pure Florida sunshine (give or take some sunglasses indoors). The band recently found time to perform at Z-Day, a concert at Radio City Music Hall sponsored by radio station Z-100 to salute New York City's 100th anniversary and to benefit PAX, a non-profit anti-gun violence group that Thomas believes in passionately. PEOPLE Online chatted with the amiable Thomas and Matchbox 20's equally friendly drummer, Paul Doucette, after their sound check.



Q & A with... Matchbox 20

I understand you have a particular passion for PAX, Rob. What's your connection?

Thomas: I think I'm connected in the same way everyone should be, when you look at the figures -- about 100 people die a day [from guns, according to PAX estimates]. If you go on stage and cut out a cross-section for 100 people you grasp how many 100 people are -- 100 mothers, fathers, grandchildren, children. Then 500 people wounded, it affects their entire life, their family. If you want to feel right about it, you have to give something back, these are real people. This sounds kind of cheesy, doesn't it? But it's true. These are actual people, they could be related to you. And with these numbers, one day they will be.

Are you interested in being a PAX spokesperson?

Thomas: This is the first chance, actually, we've had to get this close, just because our schedule has been too much. We don't want to seem arrogant and just say, "Hey, we played a show." That's what we do anyway.

-- LAURA SMITH KAY

CITY PAPER

Baltimore's Free Alternative Weekly

GOING BALLISTIC

How We're Learning to Live With Guns

BY EILEEN MURPHY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY SAM HOLDEN

FEATURE

August 5, 1998

Rage for Peace, a two-month-old anti-gun-violence organization, takes a similar tack. Like Fenton, the group's two founders came to the movement after great personal loss.

J. Matthew Newton, the group's coexecutive director, was preparing to go to law school and was working as a manager at an Owings Mills restaurant when he was shot in the head at point-blank range during a robbery at the eatery. Left for dead, Newton wasn't found until the next morning. The shooting left him almost completely paralyzed on his left side. He now walks with a cane.

Newton's colleague, George Rice Jr., spent 10 years as a special agent with the U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration. "I've looked down the barrel of a gun too many times," he says of those years. His worst experience with gun violence wasn't on the job though; in 1997, Rice's wife took her life with a handgun in what he characterizes as an impulse suicide. "Tracey left us too soon, not knowing how much she would be missed," Rice writes in his group's literature.

The two men joined forces with the Pax Network of Organizations, a national group founded in February of this year by Talmage Cooley and Dan Gross, whose brother was critically injured in a shooting last year at the Empire State Building. Pax hopes "to rally a national movement against gun violence, using communications and the media, and to create a national infrastructure for grass-roots movements," says Talmage Cooley, its executive director. "We build alliances for local groups."

Locally Rage for Peace pursues that goal by arranging and publicizing events to promote awareness of gun violence. In June the group held a benefit for the Children's Memorial Museum, an East Baltimore project to honor children lost to gun violence. On the national level Pax hosted a benefit concert in May at Radio City Music Hall with Mariah Carey, Paula Cole, and others. Along with entertainment these events include speeches, and literature on the realities of gun violence is available.

Pax and Rage for Peace bill themselves as "communications organizations" seeking to "raise awareness." Neither engages in an argument on the right to bear arms. "Our position is that as an organization, we do not advocate a ban on guns," Pax's Cooley says. "We are here to solve the problem of gun violence."

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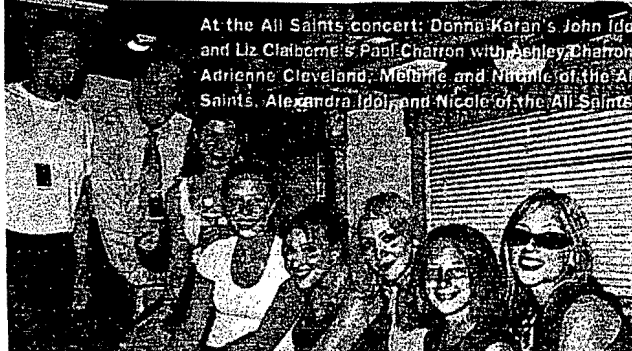
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Nicole of the All Saints performing in Central Park at a concert sponsored by DKNY Jeans and Interview to benefit PAX, an anti-gun violence non-profit organization.



At the All Saints concert: Donna Karan's John Idol and Liz Claiborne's Paul Charron with Ashley Charron, Adrienne Cleveland, Melanie and Nicole of the All Saints, Alexandra Iddi and Nicole of the All Saints.

When the Saints and the Players Came Marching In

Photographs by Patrick McMullan



Adam Nelsom, Mitch Adair, and Samantha Wilson at the All Saints concert. Beverages provided by NAYA.

Guy Leber of London Records with featured performer DJ Jody at the DKNY Jeans/All Saints concert.



The All Saints: Melanie, Nicole, Shaznay, and Natalie before their concert in Central Park.

Interview's Victoria Fuller with Donna Karan's Dee Salomon and Melissa Beville at the All Saints concert.

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Natalie Appleton (left) and Shaznay Lewis of the British pop band All Saints prove they're lovely inside and out yesterday at Central Park's Wollman Rink, where they performed to help promote the anti-gun-violence group PAX.

Dave Allocca/DMI



THE SCENE



Alexandra Idol with Melanie, Nicky, and Natalie of All Saints at a concert sponsored by DKNY jeans and London Records, to benefit PAX.

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star tracks

► "[Gun violence] is going to happen to somebody you know—one of your friends, one of your family," warned singer **Rob Thomas** (fourth from left), posing with **Paula Cole** and the rest of **Matchbox20**. The band was on hand for Z-Day, a benefit for the anti-gun violence organization PAX, put together by NYC radio station Z100.



▲ 'N Sync nabbed some downtime to relax and regroup backstage before their electrifying Z-Day performance, which included a rousing cover of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and a rendition of their hit "I Want You Back." In true boy-band fashion, the Orlando-based quintet had everyone on their feet, singing and cheering for their crowd-pleasing choreography and stunts.

▼ Mariah Carey grins and bares her all—well, almost—alongside **Olivia Newton-John**. The pair brought down the house at Z-Day, with a duet of the *Grease* favorite "Hopelessly Devoted to You."



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CAREY KEEPS THE BEAT Mariah Carey will lead an all-star musical variety show to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the unified City of New York. See Dan Aquilante's Rock Pick for details. *Autob*

ROCK PICK

HAPPY B'DAY, NYC: Radio station Z-100 hosts a birthday bash for Skyscraper Park this Sunday with an all-star variety concert at Radio City Music Hall. The show will feature Mariah Carey, Gloria Estefan, Matchbox 20, Paula Cole, Olivia Newton John and a few surprise guests. Rumor has it Mayor Rudy Giuliani will be bringing his boy Andrew to meet the Mighty Mariah. Proceeds from the show will benefit the anti-gun-violence organization PAX. Show time is 7 p.m. The show is sold out, but tune into Z-100 for details on how to win free tickets; (212) 247-4777.

— Dan Aquilante

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5.20.98 12:00 EDT **K-Ci & JoJo, 'N Sync, Olivia Newton-John Added To Benefit Show**



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K-Ci & JoJo, 'N Sync and Olivia Newton-John have joined the line-up for the PAX benefit concert scheduled for May 31 at Radio City Music Hall.

Proceeds from the show, which will also include performances by the previously announced Mariah Carey, Matchbox 20 and Paula Cole (see ["Mariah To Join Paula, Matchbox 20 For Benefit"](#)), will go to PAX, a non-profit organization dedicated to halting gun violence in the U.S.

PAX was founded two years ago by Talmage Cooley and Daniel Gross, whose brother, Matthew, played in the Bushpilots before being injured during the shooting at the Empire State Building observation deck in February 1997.

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5.7.98 7:55 EDT **Mariah To Join Paula, Matchbox 20 For Benefit**



Mariah Carey

MTV News' Rob Zombie Feature: Guitars And Maggots...

Mariah Carey will join Paula Cole and Matchbox 20 at Radio City Music Hall on May 31 at a benefit sponsored by New York's Z-100 Radio.

Some proceeds from the show will go to PAX, an anti-violence group co-founded by Daniel Gross, whose brother Matthew of the band Bush Pilots was critically wounded last year in a shooting atop the Empire State Building. Tickets for the show go on sale Friday.

The day before the Z-100 show, Mariah will play another radio station concert, the annual KISS-FM show at the Great Woods outside of Boston.

See also: [Mariah Carey](#), [Paula Cole](#).

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Photo courtesy DKNY

DKNY JEANS models Mark Van Der Loo and Esther Canadas are PAX supporters.

Fashion with a cause: no more gun violence

THE PAX T-shirt, a new entry into the cause fashion arena, is a joint effort between DKNY and PAX, a national organization dedicated to creating a society free of gun violence. In addition to designing and selling a shirt that advertises the wearer's stand against gun violence, PAX is also seeking volunteers to work in the grass roots movement.

The founders, Daniel Gross and Talmage Cooley, have not aligned the movement with other efforts of gun control because they want to keep the effort on a non-political basis. Gross's brother, Matthew Gross, the lead singer of the alternative rock band The Bushpills, was critically wounded in a shooting 1997.

Among those involved in the launch of PAX include Sarah and James Brady, Billy Baldwin, Sports Illustrated cover model Heidi Klum, Chynna Phillips, Parker Posey, Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) whose husband was killed and son injured in random gunfire, and the mayor of City of New York, Rudolph Giuliani.

Currently, the shirt, which is the standard DKNY T-shirt with the PAX logo, is available only by special order via telephone, but by the end of summer DKNY Jeans shops in major department stores will be carrying the shirt. Those interested in ordering the shirt, which is \$28, or learning more about the organization, may call (800) PAX-DKNY (800-729-3589).

— Morleen Reyes

DAILY NEWS

A Very Moving Target

Gun-control activist packs a personal, powerful argument



by David Hinckley

DANIEL Gross figured his 30th birthday, in February 1997, would be a night to remember. What he had no way of knowing beforehand is why.

"I was one of the youngest partners ever at J. Walter Thompson," he says. "In a few years I'd be running my own agency. I'm 30 years old. We had a great party. Then we get a call that my brother had been shot."

Matthew Gross, Daniel's younger brother and the lead singer of the Bushpilots, was one of those rare victims everyone heard about. Matthew was walking on the observation deck of the Empire State Building when 66-year-old Ali Hassan Abu Kamal pulled out a gun and started shooting anything that moved.

Abu Kamal eventually shot himself, leaving the Bushpilots' guitarist dead, a city stunned by another random burst of deadly violence and Matthew Gross in a hospital with little chance to live.

He did live. But he lives much differently now. Partially recovered, Matthew lacks the motor ability to play music, and the Bushpilots are no more.

And Daniel's life also changed. He quit J. Walter Thompson to co-found, with former Wall Streeter Talmadge Cooley, an organization to fight gun violence. It's called PAX.

Now, most people wouldn't mind reducing gun violence. The problem is balancing that with the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right to bear arms.

In Japan, 15 people were murdered by handguns in 1996. In Great Britain, 30. In

the U.S., about 10,000.

Dr. John Lott, a University of Chicago professor, argued on WABC radio Thursday that we should make it easier for every adult American to own and carry guns — for the deterrent effect. Lott also said about 140 young children die each year in gun accidents and that's just the price we pay for the Second Amendment.

Don't sign Daniel Gross up for that argument. He believes that the more careful we are about who has guns, the more potential victims end up alive. If angry school children can't get guns, maybe they break windows. They probably can't kill.

"We're not talking about getting rid of guns," Gross says. "PAX wants common-sense measures that the overwhelming majority of Americans, including most gun owners, endorse."

For instance: waiting periods, background checks and a requirement that guns be locked away from children.

"If you have a pool, you have to put a fence around it," Gross says. "But you don't have to lock up your guns. That's insane."

Almost all opinion polls say most Americans favor measures like these. The problem is that when gun violence explodes, response tends to split into political camps who soon stalemate.

"Don't trust 'gun control,'" the anti-restriction argument goes. "It's a trick, the first step to confiscation." Besides, the real culprit isn't guns at all, but a culture and media that glamorize violence.

PAX sees culture and media figures as allies — perhaps the single most effective

way to spread the word. That part of the campaign kicks off tonight at Radio City where WHITZ (Z-100) gives PAX visibility and money from its "New York City 100th Birthday Bash."

Performers will include Paula Abdul, Matchbox 20 and Mariah Carey, and presence at a high-profile, high-spirited event like this is crucial to PAX.

Maybe it's Gross' ad instincts. But he points out that PAX is an awareness group, and for raising awareness, you can't beat an already high profile.

"Look at how musicians and fashion people and entertainers have raised awareness of AIDS," he says.

It's often said that celebs preach to the converted. But in a rock concert crowd, that's not necessarily true — and if it were, says Gross in this case that's a good start.

"Most people are *already* on our side," he says. "What we want to do is organize them and let them know they don't have to be ignored any more."

At the same time, he says, PAX will also court gun owners themselves. Those who oppose any government regulation are "a small fringe," he says. "Most gun owners do not oppose child-access laws any more than they oppose child seat-belt laws."

"They don't want to be victims of the next incident, either — and if we don't take common-sense measures, there will be too many more next incidents."

(To reach PAX, call 212-677-1124.)
Clockwise from top left: Empire State Building. Matthew Gross, gun buying an Abu Kamal.

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New Gun-Control Organization Wins Industry Support

■ BY PAUL VERNA

NEW YORK—Motivated by the plight of gun-violence victims—including his own brother, who was wounded in a highly publicized incident atop the

PAX

GOOD WORKS

Empire State Building a year ago—Daniel Gross has joined with partner Talmage Cooley to form PAX, a non-profit organization devoted to ending gun violence. Furthermore, they're actively seeking the support of the entertainment and fashion industries

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NEW GUN-CONTROL ORGANIZATION WINS INDUSTRY SUPPORT

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to raise awareness of the problem.

So far, PAX's board of advisers includes such high-profile industry figures as Metropolitan Entertainment Group CEO John Scher, ICM Worldwide head of music Jon Podell, actor/director Griffin Dunne, Qwest Records president Mark Persaud, and Persaud Bros. Inc. president Mike Persaud. Among the organization's sponsors and contributors are designer Calvin Klein, actor Alec Baldwin, Broadway Video, Home Box Office, Dave Matthews, Zero Hour Records, Time Warner Cable, and MTV Networks.

Other supporters include fashion designer Donna Karan and WHTZ (Z100) New York, a top 40 station owned by Chancellor Media, which has a nationwide portfolio of 99 stations, including other major New York outlets. At press time, the exact involvement of these organizations and individuals had yet to be finalized.

PAX will officially be launched with a press conference Feb. 23 and a founder's party Feb. 28; both events will happen in New York.

Gross says he and Cooley turned to the music, entertainment, and fashion communities because of their abilities to raise mainstream awareness of social issues.

"The music industry, as we know, can be really influential in galvanizing a social movement behind [a] cause," says Gross. "When you look at how music has been leveraged to benefit other causes—anything from Amnesty International to Live Aid to AIDS to Rock the Vote—there are few cultural opportunities to make a profound statement that are more impactful than music has the potential to be.

"One morning in the '80s," Gross adds, "everyone awoke not knowing what the word 'amnesty' even meant and went to bed saying, 'We have to free political prisoners.' If you talk about a cause that deserves to have that kind of prominence in the fabric of America's consciousness, it's definitely gun violence."

In February 1997, Gross' brother,

Matt, was wounded atop New York's Empire State Building by a gunman who also shot and killed Danish musician Christoffer Burmeister, a guitarist in Matt Gross' band, the Bushpilots. Prior to starting PAX, Daniel Gross was a partner at advertising firm J. Walter Thompson. Cooley held several positions in finance and trading on Wall Street before venturing on his own in 1993 as a writer, director, and photographer.



SCHLESINGER

Cooley says PAX will steer clear of a political agenda, instead focusing on what he regards as a "common sense" issue.

"One of the things that's critical to what we're trying to do is make gun violence the defining social and cultural issue that it deserves to be," he says. "You have a situation where the overwhelming majority of Americans are in favor of ending this nonsense, ending this epidemic of gun violence. But it's a latent majority, and people don't have the resources and the inspiration to be able to act out on their concerns about the issue."

Artists and executives in the music industry have been meeting with PAX's principals to explore ways to get involved. Adam Schlesinger, songwriter and performer with Atlantic Records acts Fountains Of Wayne and Ivy, is a childhood friend of Matt Gross' from their hometown of Montclair, N.J.

"I was on an airplane in Germany when I heard about Matt being shot," Schlesinger recalls. "Even though they didn't mention Matt by name, they said it was a New York musician working with a Danish guy, so I just knew it had to be him." Coincidentally, Cooley is a friend of Ivy singer Dominique Durand, so it seemed inevitable that Schlesinger would hook up with PAX.

"They called me and asked some questions about people to talk to in the music business," Schlesinger says. "So

I referred them to Peter Mensch of Q-Prime and John Scher of Metropolitan Entertainment Group."

Although the Empire State Building shooting had personal resonance for Schlesinger, he says other people without a direct connection to the Gross family have been equally moved by it.

"When people hear the personal side of how they formed this organization, it's hard to ignore it," says Schlesinger. "Everybody seems to be touched by it."

Fiona Bloom, publicist at New York independent label Zero Hour and A&R director at the Zero Hour urban start-up imprint 3-2-1, says the new label will launch with a compilation that will benefit PAX.

"We were looking for a charity to work with on the project, which is called 'Connected,'" explains Bloom. "When I heard about PAX, it sounded like something we'd want to be a part of. So I talked to [Zero Hour founder] Ray McKenzie about it, and we had a meeting with Dan and Talmage."

Bloom says plans are under way for artists from "Connected" to perform at PAX's launch, and the label will promote PAX in its ads and literature.

Other key music industry links to PAX are Mike Persaud of Los Angeles-based urban music marketing firm Persaud Bros. Inc. and his brother, Mark Persaud, president of Quincy Jones' Qwest Records.

"I see this as a very important cause, and I'm doing anything I can to get PAX up and running," says Mike Persaud. "I want to make sure the urban music audience is aware of everything PAX is doing, especially in light of the gun violence that has occurred on a high-profile level in the past year."

Persaud adds that he plans to encourage other prominent African-American executives and youth organizations to support PAX at both the corporate and grass-roots levels.

PAX can be reached at 212-677-1124; its E-mail address is pax.org@mind-spring.com.

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3-2-1/Zero Hour 1000

This multi-artist collection of hip-hop, drum'n'bass, dub, and ambient music is the maiden release on Zero Hour's 3-2-1 Records imprint, run by longtime Zero Hour staffer Fiona Bloom. It features such up-and-coming acts as Blackalicious, Ultra Magnetic MC's, Spida (of the Refugee Camp), Badawi, and Datbu—many of whom promise to be tomorrow's mainstream artists. Despite its diversity, the album plays cohesively, its tracks "connected" by a streetwise vibe and cutting-edge production. A portion of proceeds from "Connected" will be donated to Pax, an anti-gun-violence organization co-founded by Daniel Gross, brother of musician Matt Gross, who was wounded in a shooting at the Empire State Building in 1997.

The Music Page

The Dallas Morning News

Thursday, April 23, 1998

Hip-Hop

Disarming violent myths

'Connected' is a gat-less wonder

By Chris Vognar

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Too many people associate hip-hop with gats, glocks and gangstas — partially because that's all the media latches onto, partially because lots of rappers are still content to rhyme about their fantasy artillery conquests. So cut through the jingoism and feast your ears on *Connected*, an underground hip-hop compilation with a cause to match its bold musical vision.

The brainchild of New York hip-hop connoisseur Fiona Bloom, *Connected* is the launch project of Ms. Bloom's 3-2-1 imprint, a fledgling urban offshoot of Zero Hour Records.

Reason No. 1 to get *Connected*: Proceeds from all album sales go to PAX, a nonprofit, anti-gun-violence organization that focuses on increasing the peace through the entertainment community. Reason No. 2: The beats, rhymes, DJ-ing, house vibes and sheer musicality of these mostly unsigned artists will run mad circles around most major-label acts.

"There's so much positivity in hip-hop lifestyle and hip-hop culture," says Ms. Bloom, a London native who came to the States during hip-hop's relative adolescence in 1987. "I wanted to create a project that was going to bring all audiences together to educate and bring all styles of urban music together through the voice of hip-hop language and culture."



REVOLUTION: *Connected*'s profits will go to PAX, an anti-gun organization.

She also wanted to get 3-2-1 going with a project capable of doing more than just shaking butts and joggling brains. Enter PAX, an organization recently founded by New Yorkers Dan Gross and Talmage Cooley to educate about and advocate against gun violence. Mr. Gross has a very personal stake in the organization: His brother, Matt, was wounded in February 1997's highly publicized shooting atop the Empire State Building — an attack that took the life of Matt's friend, Danish musician Christoffer Burmeister.

"We are not about taking people's guns away," says Dan Gross. "We're about common-sense things that we can all support to end gun violence. There a lot of things we can do socially and through legisla-

tion that can take guns out of the wrong hands — out of the hands of criminals, out of the hands of unsupervised children."

Those involved with the project anticipate some skepticism toward a hip-hop record that takes a stance against gun violence, and for good reason: Between gangsta and its recently named offshoot, "reality rap," tales of buckshot bragadocio aren't hard to find on CD. But the majority of hip-hop doesn't deal with busting a cap in thy enemy, even if that majority doesn't make for good copy in *Time* or *Newsweek*.

"People want to blame hip-hop for everything," says Hakim of Channel Live, a Boogie Down Productions vet whose

cautionary, apocalyptic "RedRum," is one of the standout tracks on *Connected*. "It's scapegoating. We don't connect John Wayne running through movies shooting up Native Americans with desensitizing the American population to life."

The visionary nature of *Connected* is written all over the album's 16 tracks, crafted by a collection of

artists you probably haven't read about in *Entertainment Weekly*. There are a couple of notable names here — Ultramagnetic MC's return to the scene with "It's All the Way Live" (they plan to release their next album on 3-2-1 this fall) and Spida from the Fugees' Refugee Camp delivers with the hybrid "Don't You Stop the Reggae Music." But the real gems here come from

the up-and-comers, the fresh, hungry voices without a jaded major-label sound.

The Bay Area's Blackalicious kicks things off with "Touch the Stars," a tasty, rolling sneak-peek of their forthcoming album, *NIA*. AyCE International tears up the turntables on "WROK," and the spacey, ridiculously talented (and ridiculously unsigned) Sha-Key &

Priest score with the bluesy, cerebral rhyming of "Ducking Lessons." The list goes on.

Ms. Bloom is planning a sequel to *Connected*, this time with an emphasis on world music. In the meantime, she's hoping listeners will catch on to the first album's double-formula: Even if you're not down with the cause, it rocks like few hip-hop releases in recent memory.

Ultramagnetic MCs, Doug E. Fresh, & Others Contribute To Anti-Gun Benefit Compilation



Ultramagnetic MCs, Doug E. Fresh, and a host of other DJ and hip-hop artists are contributing songs to a compilation called *Connected* to help benefit the anti-gun violence organization PAX, which is Latin for peace. The album is due March 24 on a new as-yet-unnamed Zero Hour Records imprint.

Highlights of the album include the track "It's Live Son" from Ultramagnetic MCs, which is Kool Keith -- also of Dr. Octagon fame -- and Ced G.; a track that Ced G. collaborated on with Doug E. Fresh and Special K titled "The Impossible"; and a new song from DJ KMT, aka Kwesi "DJ Kemit" Asou of Arrested Development fame, with his new project DATEU on the song "Right On."

The album also features tracks from Templeroy (remixed by Rockers Hi-Fi), Blackalicious, Latryix, Organized Konfusion, Q-Burns Abstract Message's side project Dubmarine, Shak-Key and High Priest,

Ticklah, DJ Ayce International, Jahred Jedeye, Badawi, Channel Live, Opus Akaden, Mutabaruka, and Out of Atlanta.

PAX was founded by Talmage Cooley and his partner Dan Gross, whose brother Matthew Gross -- lead singer of the Bushpilots -- was critically injured in February in a shooting at the top of the Empire State Building. The band's guitarist, Chris Burnmeister, was killed in the same shooting.

-Tina Johnson



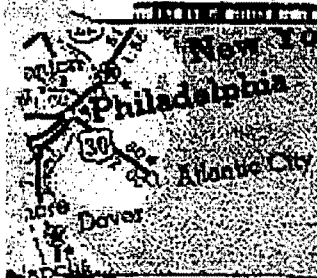
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Funky advance warning: Fiona Bloom - Zero Hour's lady who started her own 9-2-1 imprint - is bringing a debut hip-hop/dub compilation Connected to Smoke live on May 30 w/SCHOOLY D spinning 'n' performances from CD folk LABTEK WON & Bloom's pal Philly MC STEPH POCKETS. Gig n' CD benefit PAX, an anti-gun coalition.

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"Is Hip-Hop's Gun Culture a Game of Russian Roulette?" is the topic of discussion this month. Confirmed studio guests include: Talmage Cooley of PAX a non-profit organization against gun violence and Fiona Bloom, General Manager of 3-2-1 Records. 88HIPHOP.COM broadcasts in Real Audio and Video via the world-wide web and can be accessed on <http://www.88HIPHOP.COM>.

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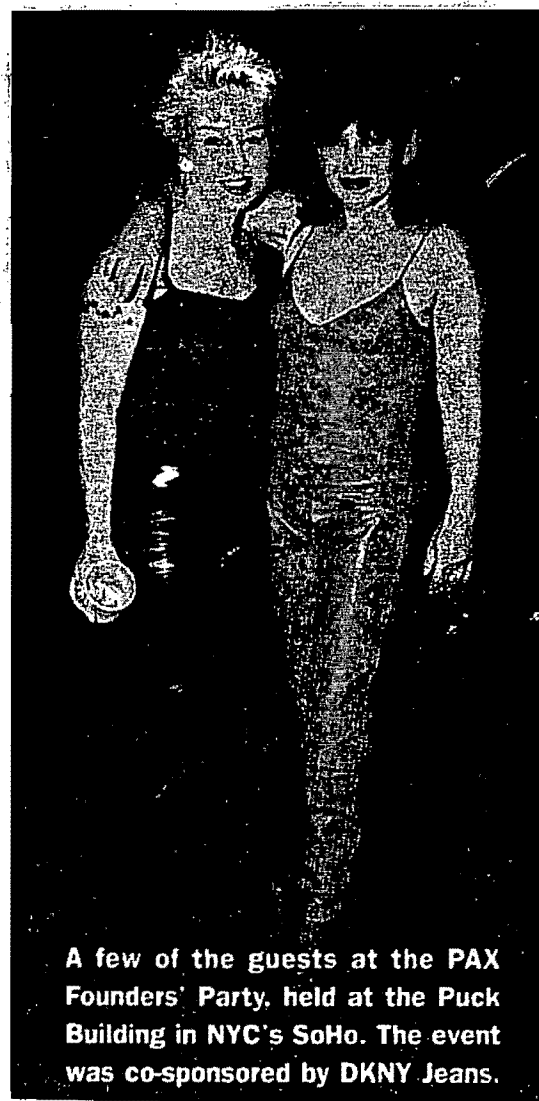
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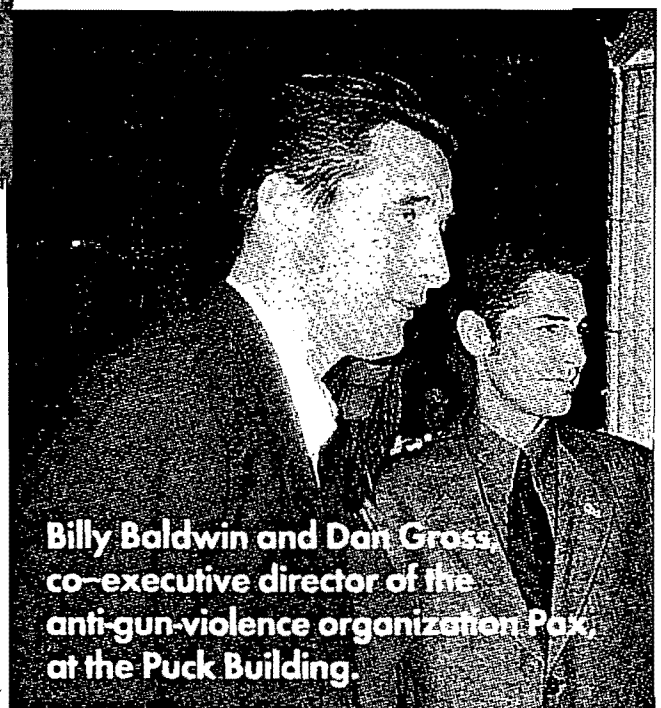
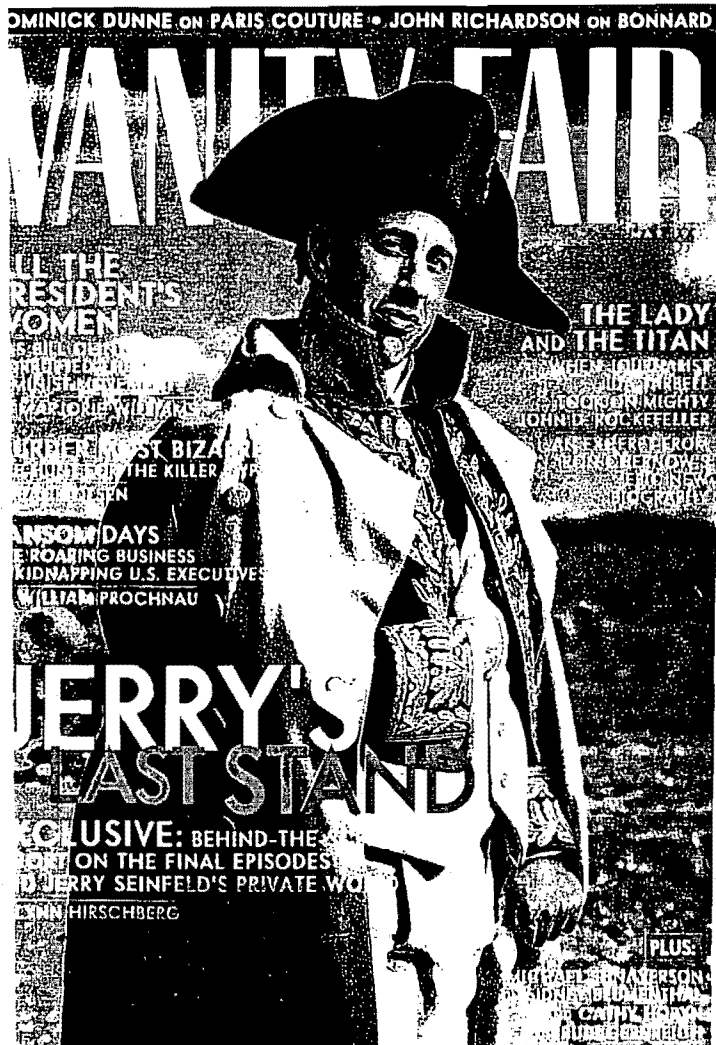
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Daniel Gross (right), co-founder of
the gun control organization PAX,
with Billy Baldwin and Heidi Klum.



A few of the guests at the PAX
Founders' Party, held at the Puck
Building in NYC's SoHo. The event
was co-sponsored by DKNY Jeans.



THE NEW YORK TIMES
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Empire State victim backs launch of PAX

By NICHOLE M. CHRISTIAN

A year to the day after he was shot in a rampage atop the Empire State Building, Matthew Gross spoke publicly for the first time yesterday about the shooting that shattered his life, and announced the formation of a new anti-gun organization.

Mr. Gross, a rock musician from Montclair, N.J., was left in a coma when a 69-year-old Palestinian teacher sprayed the observation deck of the Empire State Building with bullets from a semiautomatic handgun, one of which pierced Mr. Gross's brain. His friend and fellow band member, Christoffer Burmeister of Denmark, was killed, and five other people were wounded.

"Last February 23d my friend Christoffer Burmeister was killed and I took a bullet in my head," Mr. Gross said at a midtown Manhattan office building, reading hurriedly from a handwritten note and appearing undaunted by a swirl of lights, cameras and questions.

In announcing the formation of the anti-gun group, Mr. Gross was joined by several gun safety advocates and politicians, including the former White House press secretary, James S. Brady, who was shot in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, and Representative Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was killed in a 1993 shooting on the Long Island Rail Road.

"It takes a lifetime to recover from a brain injury, but I'm not here to talk about me," Mr. Gross, 28, said in introducing the group, called Pax. "Hopefully Pax will keep what happened to Chris and me from happening to everyone else."

After the conference, the family left for a private memorial service for Mr. Burmeister in Brooklyn.



John Solomayor/The New York Times

Matthew Gross, right, and James S. Brady, former Presidential press secretary, at yesterday's news conference. Both were shot by fanatics.

The gunman in the attack, Ali Abu Kamal, killed himself. Like many of the tourists atop the building that day, Mr. Kamal was visiting New York from out of town, from Gaza.

His ability to carry a gun into one of the country's most popular attractions is at the center of a lawsuit filed last month on behalf of Mr. Gross and another survivor. A spokesman for the owners of the Empire State

Building declined to discuss the incident or any new safety measures, citing the lawsuit.

At the news conference, the lawsuit was also a taboo subject, as Mr. Gross, his family and advocates focused instead on the new organization. Named after the Latin word for peace, Pax plans to unite other grass-roots efforts against gun violence, and to teach citizens how to speak out on the issue.

"The temptation on the day that commemorates such a horrible moment for my family is to focus on the negative of it," said Daniel Gross, 29, who held his brother Matthew's hand through most of the conference.

Already, Daniel Gross said, several corporations and concerned citizens are offering help and money. In the spring, a benefit concert is scheduled, along with an urban rock CD intended to spread the message. Starting next month, T-shirts under Donna Karan's DKNY line carrying the Pax logo will go on sale at 350 stores nationwide, with Pax to receive part of the proceeds.

Representative McCarthy summed up Pax's goal: "We're just trying to change the debate in this country, and we're trying to save another family from going through what we went through. Is that so terrible?"

USA TODAY
February 24, 1998



By Peter Morgan, Reuters

In New York: Shooting victim Matthew Gross, right, and his brother, Daniel. Plans include benefit rock concert and CD.

Shooting victim behind launch of PAX

Matthew Gross, one of six tourists shot by a deranged gunman on the observation deck of the Empire State Building a year ago, marked the anniversary of the tragedy by helping kick off an effort to combat gun violence.

Chris Burmeister, a friend of Gross and fellow member of the alternative rock band Bush Pilots, was killed in the shooting spree. Gross, the most seriously hurt among the wounded, was shot in the head. Physicians had told his family that his prospects for survival were "bleak," but Gross walked unaided and spoke briefly in a clear voice at a press conference Monday in New York.

The gunman, Palestinian teacher Ali Hassan Abu Kamal, 69, concluded the shootings by killing himself. The events inspired Gross' brother, Daniel Gross, to start PAX, along with writer and director Talmadge Cooley. They said the nonprofit group, named after the Latin word for peace, planned a public awareness campaign backed by other anti-gun violence advocates, lawmakers and companies such as Home Box Office.

The goal is to virtually eliminate gun violence nationwide, and Daniel Gross says the goal is within reach: "We look around at other countries who live all-but-free of gun violence, and we have to think that if we claim we are the greatest country in the world we can achieve the same."

Written by John Bacon with staff and wire reports

NEW YORK POST
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Empire State victim backs anti-gun effort

By STUART FUTTON

The rock singer shot in the head by a crazed gunman at the Empire State Building made his first public appearance yesterday — a year to the day after the shooting — to support a group working against gun violence.

Matthew Gross, 28, was in a coma for a week after Ali Hassan Abu Kamal opened fire on the 86th-floor observation deck on Feb. 23, 1997.

The 69-year-old Palestinian killed Christopher Burmeister, 27, a guitarist in Gross' rock band, The Bushpilots, and wounded five others before shooting himself to death.

Gross spent several weeks in the brain-injury trauma unit at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in East Orange, N.J. He now lives with his father, Peter, in Montclair, and travels to Kessler daily for therapy.

Walking unaided, Gross attended the launch at a Midtown office building of PAX, Latin for "state of peace," co-founded by his brother, Daniel, and activ-

ist Talmage Cooley.

Speaking clearly, Matthew Gross said: "Hopefully PAX will prevent what happened to Chris and to me from happening to anybody else."

He shook hands with Jim Brady, the former White House press secretary critically hurt in the assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981.

Brady said PAX would ensure the voices of the majority of Americans who support gun-control measures would be heard.

"Too many of us have been impacted by gun violence," he said.

Daniel Gross said that, to those who know his brother and Burmeister, Feb. 23, 1997, was a day of indescribable horror — "but we look forward to the day when we can live in a world free of gun violence."

Mayor Giuliani gave a videotaped endorsement of the group, and speeches in support of PAX were given by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.), Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Rep.

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FIGHTING BACK: Matthew Gross makes his first public appearance yesterday since he was shot atop the Empire State Building one year ago. NY Post David Rentas

Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.).

McCarthy's husband was killed and her son severely injured when Colin Ferguson opened fire on Long Island Rail Road commuters in December 1993.

At the Empire State Building, the cool and cloudy weather kept the number of visitors down.

Many of those venturing out to the breezy observation deck were foreigners, unaware of the horrific violence that occurred on the southeast corner.

But most were impressed by the airport-style baggage X-ray machine and metal detector, installed when the deck reopened

two days after the shooting.

For Brian O'Neill, 26, from Los Angeles, whose last trip to the city was on the day of the killing, the Empire State Building visit was an eerie coincidence.

"I didn't realize it was the anniversary of the shooting," he said. "It was a little weird."



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Industry Backs Gun Control Organization



Daniel Gross, whose brother Matt was injured during the Empire State Building shooting and writer/director Talmage Cooley, motivated by the many tragic incidents involving gun violence, decided to form the PAX organization, a grass-roots effort at stemming the tide of gun violence in the U.S. through legislation. PAX, which in Latin means "a state of peace," launched February 23 at a press conference in New York.

Among the many high profile supporters PAX has attracted to date include MTV, Dave Matthews, Alec Baldwin, Lorne Michaels and Calvin Klein. Actor/director Griffin Dunne (*Addicted to Love*, *An American Werewolf in London*) co-chairs PAX's board of trustees along with entertainment lawyer and long-time philanthropist Peter Gross.

A founder's party will be held February 28 in New York. PAX can be reached at (212) 677-1124 or e-mail: pax.org@mindspring.com.

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MEDIA ADVISORY FOR THURSDAY JUNE 10**FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON, REP. HOLT TO CHEER
'PEACEMAKING' AT EWING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

West Windsor – Rep. Rush Holt (D-12th District) and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will talk with members of the Fisher Middle School Peacemakers Club about preventing school violence during a visit on Thursday, June 10, 1999.

"I am proud to showcase such a unique and thoughtful program as Fisher's Peacemakers Club for the First Lady," Rep. Holt said. "As a parent and teacher, I share the First Lady's longtime commitment to improving the lives of children. Teaching children to settle conflicts in a peaceful way improves not only our schools, but also our communities."

Media is welcome during the discussion. A media availability will immediately follow the discussion with students. Special media credentials are required. Contact Michelle Ruess, press secretary for Rep. Holt, to obtain credentials for the event.

What

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When

1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
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Where

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Contact

Michelle Ruess
(609) 750-9365 office
(609) 883-7926 evening

To: Craig Hughes

From: Michelle Ruess, press secretary for Rep. Rush Holt

Regarding message of First Lady visit to Fisher Middle School, Ewing

Rep. Holt, a strong proponent of handgun control and anti-violence efforts, also sees this event as focusing on restricting access to guns.

We plan to include some victims of violence as well as handgun control advocates in the roundtable discussion with the school's Peacemakers Club.

While the school will provide a visual setting and enable the Congressman and First Lady to interact with youngsters, we are not there to discuss the club.

Rep. Holt will applaud the club's efforts but stress that peacemaking efforts cannot protect children from gun violence, we need new laws, better policies, more police on the street and in the schools and enforcement of existing laws.

Enclosed please find Rep. Holt's anti-violence action plan announced Thursday June 3.

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Winning Original Poem

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America's Wake Up Call page 1

- on land of the beautiful land of the free
land of liberty & prosperity
- It's time to arise it's time to awake
before your fault becomes your fate
- For too long we sat with blinded eyes
while the US crime rate was on the
rise
- When bad things happened we act as
though we didn't care as though we
never knew and we won't act upon them
until the tragedy comes to you
- Then you sit & ask why when you
could have done something so that young
child wasn't caused to die
- But instead of trying to help each other
we're steady trying to compete so caught
up in competition while drugs dominate
our street.
- Guns in every home guns in every hand
our differences has torn apart our once
united land.
- Blinded by hate torn by war
When will it stop tell me how much
more.

page 2

- Tell me how much more pain, How long will we let hatred reign
- When will we stop judging & pointing our fingers in blame, when will we stop seeing differences and realize that inside we're all the same.
- Why must all this blood be shed because of our ignorance so many are dead
- When will you finally realize that we must lift up & not minimize
- Don't you see what's going on in our society are all stand aloof theres no more unity.
- Oh is this how we're going down is this the end, America wake up learn comprehend

page 3

- America you'll wake up if you know
what's good for you, wake up & erase
the separation lines we drew,
- Wake up America or it will be too late
your fault might just become your fate
- Wake up wake up wake up I say
open your eyes to a brand new day
- We can stay a wound we don't
have to heal, you don't have to listen
to me do what you feel.

But unless you want your nation
to fall America you need this wake
up call

by

Alicia

Alicia Davis

Grade 8

Peacemakers Club Member



SAFER SCHOOLS – SAFER CHILDREN REPRESENTATIVE RUSH HOLT'S ANTI-VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN

"There aren't any easy solutions to the problem of school violence. The recent tragedies in Littleton, Atlanta, and elsewhere have left every American struggling for answers. "Copycat" threats at schools across the country – including right here in central New Jersey – are highlighting the need to help ensure that our children are safe in the classroom.

Government alone can't solve the problem. But it can take common sense steps to help limit the availability of guns, provide more resources to parents, and teachers and demand greater responsibility from the media. These are positive steps that will help make a difference."

ENACT COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS

PASS A ONE-GUN-A-MONTH LAW: Initiatives like the Brady Law stop minors, criminals, and those who have been adjudicated mentally ill from buying handguns in gun shops and sporting goods stores. However, the law does not stop people from buying guns for others in so-called "straw man" transactions. In these transactions, an individual who may legally purchase a firearm is hired to purchase firearms for someone who is prohibited by law from making the purchase. In the Columbine tragedy, evidence shows that the suspects, who were minors, were able to have a friend purchase guns for them which they legally could not have obtained on their own.

A "One Handgun Per Month" law makes it illegal for anyone to purchase more than one handgun in any 30-day period. Limiting handgun purchases to one per person per month makes it harder for straw men to buy large amounts of guns for those who should not have them. It also cuts down on the secondary black market for guns.

In the House, Representative Robert Wexler (D-FL) has introduced H.R.315, and Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced the corresponding Senate bill, S.407, that would enact this policy, which is already proving successful in Virginia and Maryland. As a cosponsor, Congressman Holt will work for passage of the bill this summer as Congress considers juvenile justice legislation.

RAISE THE MINIMUM LEGAL AGE FOR HANDGUN POSSESSION:

According to the Centers for Disease Control, children in the U.S. are 12 times more likely to die because of a firearm than those in other industrialized countries. In addition, violent crime among minors peaks at the age of 18. Ironically, that is the age at which

many youths in the United States can legally own a handgun. We should raise the legal age for handgun ownership and possession from 18 to 21 and increase penalties for transferring a handgun to anyone under 21. **Our society mandates that you must be 21 to legally drink alcohol. You should have to be 21 to own a handgun as well.**

INVEST IN SMART GUNS & SAFETY LOCKS: All across the country, including here in New Jersey, elected officials and activists are promoting the sale and use of "trigger lock" safety devices. Such laws will help to reduce the number of accidental firearms injuries to adults and minors alike. As a lead cosponsor of the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act of 1999, Representative Rush Holt believes they should be enacted immediately. In addition, however, more research should be done on the development of so-called "smart guns," which can be personalized so that they can only be discharged by the gun owner. Currently, no working version of a smart gun exists. Colt Firearms has done extensive research into the development of such weapons and is prepared to two deliver test models to the federal government.

The federal government, through the Department of Justice and through the National Labs, primarily the Sandia National Lab, has conducted limited research on the development and possible barriers to the use of smart guns. More needs to be done. **The Department of Justice should undertake additional studies of the development of smart guns, both for law enforcement officers and for citizens.** While this will not solve the problem of existing guns, it will help to make new guns that are produced safer and less likely to be stolen. It will give consumers who choose to own guns safer options. It will also help curb firearm injuries among young children and the number of police officers that are killed every year in gun "take-away" incidents. The message is simple. If government and industry can work in partnership to develop safer caps for medicine bottles, they should also be able to help improve the safety of firearms.

GIVE MORE RESOURCES TO PARENTS & TEACHERS

GIVE INTERNET TOOLS TO PARENTS: Sixty percent of all parents do not think that the Internet is a safe place for their children, a study by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania found. A recent Time/CNN poll found that 75 percent of teenagers from 13 to 17 believe the Internet is partly responsible for the shootings in Littleton, Colorado.

While both parents and teenagers are aware of the dangers that the indiscriminate use of the Internet poses, many find it difficult to locate the resources needed to make the Internet a safer place for children.

Today, Representative Holt is unveiling a new page on his Web site, "The Family Internet Toolbox," offering a wealth of suggestions and resources on Internet safety. The site is located at www.house.gov/rholt/safesurf.htm.

The site includes surfing tips for both parents and children, information on commercially available Internet filters, and a list of "kid-safe" Internet search sites. "The Family Internet Toolbox" also includes links to sites by the U.S. Department of Education and Federal Bureau of Investigation focusing on Internet and handgun safety that can be utilized by parents, teachers and school administrators.

HIRE MORE COUNSELORS: Currently, one school counselor may serve hundreds – even thousands – of students. With that volume, it is difficult to identify kids who are at risk of becoming violent. We need to do more to help schools hire qualified counselors. Legislation recently introduced in Congress by Congressman Bob Menendez, Congressman Holt and others would earmark \$700 million for each of the fiscal years 2000 to 2004 to help schools hire new counselors.

The Department of Education would provide grants for school districts to hire Crisis Prevention Counselors and fund school anti-violence initiatives. Half of the grants would go to fund crisis prevention counselors and crisis prevention programs. Counselors would be trained in dispute resolution and be a resource for students who are troubled or have been threatened by violence. The counselors would be able to detect the warning signs of potential violence and intervene, if necessary. In addition, the counselor would be another trusted adult whom a student could confide in, if they hear of an act of violence that is being planned.

HELP COMMUNITIES AFFORD COPS IN SCHOOLS: The Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program has been successful in helping to reduce crime and involve communities in violence prevention. COPS has instituted a new program to help communities who choose hire a police officer to help keep schools safe. Legislation pending in Congress would authorize \$1.5 billion over the next five years to extend the Community Oriented Policing Services program (COPS) to add 20,000 new officers. Half of the funding would be targeted for cooperative school-police partnerships to place safety officers in schools. Several school districts in central New Jersey are receiving grants under this program.

DEMAND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

CRACK DOWN ON VIOLENT ADS: Television networks currently have self-imposed ratings standards designed to limit the broadcast of violent adult-oriented programming to hours when minors are less likely to watch. But no voluntary guidelines exist to regulate the broadcast of violent advertising for products and for programming. Likewise, there is no industry-wide standard which calls on magazines to self-regulate the kind of violent ads they accept. Representative Holt will be leading the charge in Congress to call on the networks, cable television and the print media to establish voluntary industry guidelines to regulate advertising with violent content.

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0:00-3:00 Greeting of First Lady and Rep. Holt by Fisher Middle School Principal Warren Schuster, Peacemakers Club Counselor Marossa Davis, Ewing Schools Superintendent Timothy Wade and Ewing Mayor Alfred Bridges

3:00-5:00 Introduction of First Lady and Rep. Holt to Peacemaker Club members (will obtain names of students) and Parent-Teacher Organization President Joyce Thompson. Settle in to seats, children take seats, press assemble.

5:00-10:00 Opening remarks by First Lady and Rep. Holt

10:00-20:00 Discussion, questions, answers among First Lady, Rep. Holt and Peacemakers Club members

23:00-28:00 Closing remarks, thank you by First Lady, Rep. Holt and Marossa Davis, club counselor

28:00-30:00 Depart from Fisher Middle School to Mercer County Airport

Ancestry Group Codes

1 Arab	12 German	19 Polish	32 West Indian
7 Dutch	14 Hungarian	20 Portuguese	34 Black
6 English	15 Irish	22 Russian	35 Hispanic
10 French	16 Italian	30 USA	36 Asian

District Factor Group (DFG) of School Districts

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