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## Gunman's Children Laid to Rest

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LITHIA SPRINGS, Ga. (Aug. 2) - An American flag and a blanket of pink roses draped the caskets of Mark O. Barton's two children today as relatives and friends gathered to mourn the young victims of Barton's deadly rampage.

Matthew Barton, 11, and his sister, Mychelle, 7, were bludgeoned by their father on Wednesday, the day after Barton, 44, killed his wife in her suburban apartment.

Pallbearers today were members of the young victims' Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

The Rev. Kenneth Hennesy of Union Grove Baptist Church asked the 300 mourners not to ask why Matthew and Mychelle died, but to celebrate the fact that they have gone on to a better life.

"The Lord said, 'Let your heart not be troubled,'" Hennesy said. "I'm sure we have a lot of questions why, but the Lord will provide."

The flag draped the casket of Matthew and the roses blanketed Mychelle's casket at a funeral home chapel in Lithia Springs, west of Atlanta.

On Sunday, the gospel tune "I'll Fly Away" reverberated through a rural church at Lizella, Ga., at a service for Mrs. Barton. The Rev. Doug Davis remembered the song as one of her favorites, with its soaring chorus often blaring from her car.

"The question lies before us, 'How do we go on from here?'" Davis said to about 400 mourners at Lizella Baptist

Church, 11 miles west of Macon, where Mrs. Barton grew up. "God's answer to how to go on is love."

On Thursday, the day after the children died, Barton marched into two brokerage firms in Atlanta's Buckhead commercial district and opened fire with two handguns, killing nine people and wounding 13 others. Hours later, Barton committed suicide when police cornered him at a gas station.

Fred Herder, who was wounded in the back in the attack, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution he joked with Barton when the assailant arrived at All-Tech Investment Group that morning.

"I asked him, 'Where were you yesterday? You make too much money or what?'" Herder, 55, told the newspaper in a story published today. A couple of minutes later, he heard three shots.

Businessman Sang Yoon, 34, was shot in the arm while sitting at a computer terminal at All-Tech. He said he will never return to the high-intensity world of day trading because he fears violence from other traders.

"I think I may buy another dry cleaning business," he said.

At church Sunday, Davis urged the mourners not to allow the violence to "cloud our memory."

"I'm afraid there's a temptation to become focused on the horrible events of last week," Davis said. "If we give into that temptation, we do a great disservice to Leigh Ann."

Davis said one of the greatest impressions that he had of Mrs. Barton was how she loved and cared for her

husband's children.

"She was a soccer mom for Matthew and a Girl Scout leader for Mychelle," he said. Several Girl Scouts, wearing their blue uniforms and sashes, passed a package of tissues among themselves.

Davis also read a letter from Mrs. Barton's sister, Dana Reeves, that addressed the 27-year-old by her nickname, "Goldilocks."

"I only wish I could have spared you all of this... I know you are in a safe place now," the letter said.

Mrs. Barton's was one of two funerals held Sunday as Atlanta area churches tried to cope with the violence.

Services for shooting victim Vadawatee Muradlihdara, 44, were held Sunday afternoon in Peachtree City. She will be buried in her native Trinidad.

"She was always vibrant. She never really was down," friend Doleford Payne said at the service.

A memorial service also was held for Allen Charles Tenenbaum, who was buried Friday.

In its Aug. 9 issue, Newsweek magazine reports that Barton recently changed his profile on his America Online account to include guns as a hobby and "Make my day" - the line Clint Eastwood's character Dirty Harry uttered before gunning criminals - as his personal motto.

The children's mother, Debra Barton, and maternal grandmother were hacked to death in Alabama in 1993. Police said Barton, who was having an affair with then-Leigh Ann Vandiver, was a suspect although he was never charged.

## First Lady Explains Husband's Actions

Hillary Clinton Tells Magazine President Clinton's Infidelity Stems from Childhood Conflict

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NEW YORK (Aug. 2) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton called her husband's infidelity "a sin of weakness" and insisted in a magazine interview that she has stayed with him out of love and not for her own benefit.

In an interview with Talk magazine, Mrs. Clinton emphasized that her husband's affair with Monica Lewinsky happened after the deaths of his mother and her father, and the 1993 suicide of their close friend Vincent Foster.

"You know in Christian theology there are sins of weakness and sins of malice, and this was a sin of weakness," she said.

President Clinton was impeached by the House for lying about his affair with the former White House intern; the Senate acquitted him after a trial in February.

"He couldn't protect me, so he lied," Mrs. Clinton said.

But the reaction, Mrs. Clinton said, "was harmful to the country. ... People are mean. I think it's a real disservice, the way we sort of strip away everybody's sense of dignity, of privacy. People need support, not disdain."

The article appears in Talk's first issue, which reaches stands Tuesday.

Its author, Lucinda Franks, told CNN today she believes Mrs. Clinton chose to talk now about her marriage and its problems to fight her public image, which ranges from "cold, calculating political wife" to a "kind of soft thinker of romance and fantasy."

"She has been stereotyped in a way that has been very painful to her. I think she feels that people don't understand her, don't get her," said Franks, who is married to Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, a prominent Democrat.

Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said today Franks is "someone she (Mrs. Clinton) knew and felt comfortable with. She had a friendship with this reporter." Berry said the interview "speaks for itself."

In the article, Mrs. Clinton said she thought her husband's infidelity "was resolved 10 years ago. ... I thought he had conquered it."

Mrs. Clinton blamed her husband's infidelity on a desire to please women that can be traced to his childhood.

"He was so young, barely 4, when he was scared by abuse. There was a terrible conflict between his mother and grandmother," she said.

"A psychologist once told me that for a boy being in the middle of a conflict between two women is the worst possible situation," Mrs. Clinton said. "There is always a desire to please each one."

Franks said Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, wrote in her autobiography about a physical tussle with her son's grandmother over who would raise

the boy.

"She describes the chaos. ... She describes an incident in which Bill's grandmother and she literally were pulling him apart," with one tugging on a shoe and the other on an arm, Franks said.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said he wasn't sure if Clinton knew prior to the interview that Mrs. Clinton would discuss the incident from his childhood.

"He knew some time ago that she'd done this interview and the story was coming out," Lockhart said. "The article paints a portrait of Mrs. Clinton that is quite positive and it speaks for itself."

He said Clinton "believes that like many young people, he had difficult times within his family, but he feels he has been blessed with love and a wonderful life."

Mrs. Clinton told Franks that, since the Lewinsky scandal, her husband "has been working on himself very hard. ... He has become more aware of his past and what was causing this behavior."

She defended him as a good man, but said: "Yes, he has weaknesses, yes he needs to be more responsible, more disciplined."

Mrs. Clinton refuted suggestions that she stuck with the president for her own benefit.

"Everyone has some dysfunction in their families. They have to deal with it. You don't walk away if you love someone. You help the person," she said.

"And it is love, isn't it?" Franks asked.

"Yes, it is. We have love," she replied.

Mrs. Clinton acknowledged the pain of the infidelities, but said it did not outweigh the close relationship the couple have built.

"Is he ashamed? Yes. Is he sorry? Yes. But does this negate everything he has done as a husband, a father, a president?," Mrs. Clinton asked.

"There has been enormous pain, enormous anger, but I have been with him half my life and he is a very, very good man. We just have a deep connection

## Mexico Slaps Dumping Tariffs on U.S. Beef

MEXICO CITY, Aug 1 (Reuters) - Mexico said on Sunday it was slapping compensatory tariffs of up to 215 percent on U.S. beef imports, saying U.S. producers were sending meat across the border at artificially low prices.

Only live cattle imports from the country's northern neighbor were spared from the tariffs, which the trade ministry said were set in order to protect the local industry from "unfair international trade practices."

The complex set of tariffs was bound to raise the ire of U.S. producers, who have disputed charges they are dumping beef on the Mexican market, saying Mexican consumers would only suffer.

The ministry specifically cited Excel Corp, IBP Inc., Farmland National Beef Packing Co., and ConAgra Inc. as U.S. companies that would be affected by the tariffs.

The steepest tariff, of 214.52 percent, was set on imports of edible beef strippings, except for specifically mentioned companies.

For example, ConAgra's strippings will have a 11.42 percent tariff, IBP's 36.22 percent, Excel's 17.10 and Farmland's 2.67 percent, the ministry said.

Frozen tongue imports received the next-highest tariff, at 198.07 percent, except for specifically mentioned companies.

For instance, Excel's frozen tongues will have a tariff of 23.17 percent, IBP's 5.29 percent, ConAgra's 16.91 percent and Farmland's 8.45 percent, the ministry said.

Frozen liver imports were slapped with a 106.24 percent tariff, with individually named companies receiving smaller tariffs.

Beef cuts with bones received a 12.76 percent tariff, although imports from ConAgra, Excel and IBP were ruled exempt from the tariffs. Farmland's imports got a 7.6 percent tariff.

Boneless cuts got hit by a 74.98

percent tariff, with IBP's boneless cuts to pay 4.14 percent and ConAgra's 7.66 percent. Farmland's and Excel's received no tariffs.

Whole and half carcasses, fresh refrigerated or frozen, were hit by a 5.24 percent tariff while ConAgra, Excel, Farmland and IBP did not receive tariffs.

The four companies that received

lower tariffs took part as potentially affected parties in the Trade Ministry investigation, which studied imports between June and December 1997, the ministry said.

It said the tariffs announced were preliminary and that further investigation in the coming months would yield a definitive ruling on the beef issue.



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