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FROM TOMORROW'S LEADERS WORDS OF INSPIRATION

I've matured a lot since September 11. When I was a kid, I used to waste my time TP'ing houses, egging cars, and doing other destructive things. Now, I just get drunk off my dad's whiskey and stay up all night writing in my LiveJournal. Mood: curious. Music: "Ants Marching" by Dave Matthews.

> Aaron Joplin, 17 Boston, MA

Before, I worried about silly things: being popular, pretty, and rich. After the attacks, I realized that what really matters is family. Too bad my family sucks. OMG, my dad he is so embarrassing. I am totally going to run away. Then they'll be sorry.

Amanda Ochaner, 14 Moorehead, MN

The events of September 11th have changed my life completely. At first, I asked God, "Why?" But now I have turned my questions into answers. Instead of slacking off and procrastinating, I try my best at everything I do. For example, when I screw my girlfriend in the back of my dad's F150, I try to do it real good and not rush things. We all have to help make the world a better place.

Brian Sullivan, 16 San Diego, CA

September 11 was the worst day ever. It was a terrible national tragedy. So many people died for no reason at all. I remember crying all day and then I got my period during gym class.

Michelle Carmichael, 14 Portland, OR Every day, I tell my family that I love them. But not my little brother. Ever since he came along, my parents don't love me as much. I don't have to worry about him much longer, though. I'm going to sell him to this guy I met at the playground at school. He's giving me 10 bucks!

> Darrin Sledge, 15 St. Paul. MN

I like to show everyone my flagpole so that they know how proud I am to be an American. I raise it every night before I go to bed and sometimes before school. If my sister has to use the bathroom, I make sure to finish before she complains to my mom. That's how patriotic I am.

Doug Weber, 13 Katy, TX

Since the terrorist attacks of 9-11, I wake up every morning full of joy and love. I try to live each day to the fullest. This way, if I die in a terrorist attack, I will know that even though I am just a young adult, I had lived a sort of rich life. Too bad it would be a lot richer if my parents bought me a car. Everyone else has a car. It's not fair!

> Shelley Nisi, 16 Roswell, GA

Since 9/11, many people have made T-shirts about the tragic events. My favorite is, "These colors don't run." It is true and clever at the same time. That is why I am proud to be an American.

> Katherine Daniels, 12 Las Vegas, NV

SCOOTER'S Stuffed Animals Caught Holding Late-Night Soiree!

Earlier this month, 6-vear-old Madison

Gwinner arose out of bed for an unexpected visit to the restroom. through the dining room, she rubbed her sleepy eyes and then dropped her tiny jaw as she realized that her beloved stuffed animals were drinking and merrymaking like it was

the Fourth of freakin' July!

You heard that right, comrades. Donut, Scruffles, and the rest of the crew were all sucking down the sauce and shootin' the breeze. The scene was terrifying for Madison, who described activities quite dissimilar from her friends' typical inanimate tea parties and fashion shows. Apparently, she interrupted an

orgy of drunken cursing, arm pants baby, let there be no wrestling matches, Playstation 2 play.

"They were drinking Mommy's juice and talking like Uncle Kurt," says the frightened youngster, "I cried and I told them to stop and then I tee-teed my pants."

Ha Ha! Can't hold your water, huh, Madison?! the golden gossip just keeps getting goldener, doesn't it? Madison Gwinner is a tee-tee

doubt about it!

Don't believe it? Well, try spreadin' this jam on your bagel: Word is, Jimbo the One-Eyed Ape and Kid Sister were all over each other! Now, you didn't hear it from this published gossip columnist, but I think something might be going on there!

- Scooter T. Barnes

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