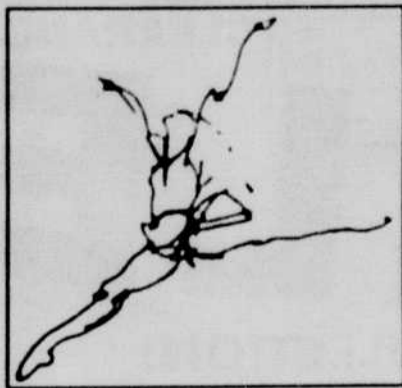


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Springfield girl rings noisy victory

By Lia Saliccia
Oregon Daily Emerald

Chalk up a victory for self-defense. A noisy victory.

Shiloh Reinking, the girl forbidden by Springfield School District 19 to carry mace to school, will feel safe in her upcoming first year of Thurston Middle School, thanks to a friend and a Pal.

The friend, Ted Briles of Eugene, read in a July issue of the *Emerald* about Shiloh's plight to protect herself if ever attacked again, and he wanted to help the 11-year-old.

The Pal is a product Briles sells through the Quorum, International that assaults the attacker not with puncture wounds or stinging eyes, but with sound.

After the July article, the Reinkings were uncertain how the tale would end. All they knew were the rules, clearly stated in district policy that "illegal items such as firearms, weapons, etc. or other possessions reasonably determined by school authorities to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized."

And with that rule, the tear gas that she quietly carried for a year and a half was seized.

But some stories have happy endings, and some even have heroes. Shiloh's hero came not on winged feet, but in red socks; not with a shield, but with a round button that read, "I am alarmed. Are you?"; and not bearing a sword, but bearing the Pal personal alarm.

No larger than a pager, this small black box can fend off attackers because "it makes noise," Briles said. "It makes a lot of noise. If everybody could scream at this frequency, they wouldn't have to buy one."

Shiloh laughed and said, "You haven't heard me scream."

"Can you scream like this?" Briles asked. He pulled a plug out of the bottom of the Pal and a horrible, deafening noise from the small box caused Shiloh, her mother Dahrla and her brother Ryan to cover their ears in pain.

It was as if thousands of angry birds were screeching directly into their ears, and in only a few seconds Briles was begged to turn it off.

The Pal saved a woman just last year in Orlando,

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— Ted Briles,
Pal salesman

Fla., from carjackers. Briles showed a video of a local newscast where the woman told reporters that she believed she wouldn't have her life if it weren't for her personal alarm.

Briles also showed other defense products made by Quorum, which included a waterproof Sports Pal, a Bike Pal with a flashing light, automobile alarms and a home alarm system that is portable and can monitor each time someone enters with a motion detector.

One of the newest products is the Pal II, with an even louder noise than the first one and a bright light that can be used as a flashlight.

Without much ceremony, Briles said, "I'd like to give you this," and handed over a Pal II to a beaming Shiloh. She and her mother thanked him profusely, and her brother remarked at her good fortune.

"It's a shame in today's justice system that a victim has to prove his rights," Briles said.

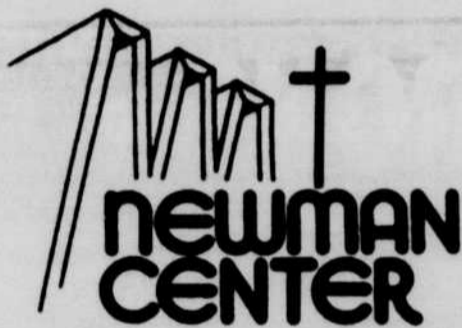
Briles has contacted the University Office of Public Safety and has worked out a tentative agreement for Quorum marketers to have "seminars and not sales presentations" on the Pals on campus.

Meanwhile, Shiloh is not going to play the victim. She is a yellow belt in karate, along with 14-year-old Ryan, and they plan to become black belts sometime soon. She will carry the Pal II to school with her, knowing well that she holds no toy in her hand.

Are the Reinkings worried that the district will try to use their rule to take the Pal away like they took the mace?

"No way," Dahrla Reinking said. "We finally found something that will work. They had better not try to take this away from her."

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