

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kipland Kinkel case going to grand jury

Kipland Philip Kinkel, the suspect in the Thurston High School shootings, is being held at Skipworth Juvenile Detention Center in Eugene.

Kinkel's case will be presented to the Lane County grand jury for its consideration according to a press release from the Lane County Public Information Office.

No trial date has been set.

Kipland Kinkel's sister, Kristin, said in a press release issued by her attorney, Donald A. Loomis, that her brother is a part of the family and said she remains supportive of him, and feels sympathy for victims and their families.

She plans to attend a public memorial service for her parents, Bill and Faith Kinkel.

As of Wednesday, Tony Case was listed in serious condition and Teresa Miltonberger was in critical condition at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Amber Ramsey was discharged on Tuesday. Jennifer Alldredge is in fair condition at McKenzie-Willamette Hospital.

—Compiled by Tricia Duryee

Award-winning film filled with life's ironies

Judith Helfand's movie, 'A Healthy Baby Girl,' describes her battle with cervical cancer

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

A member of the University's Jewish Student Union met film maker Judith Helfand at a January environmental conference in Ojai, Calif.

"Perfect strangers meet her and feel after 10 minutes of hanging out with her that they've known her all their life," said Kevin Aaron, Jewish Student Union assistant director.

Helfand, the sister of local musician David Helfand, is on campus today for a free showing of her 1998 Peabody Award-winning documentary "A Healthy Baby Girl" at 7:30 p.m. in 100 Willamette.

In the documentary, Helfand follows her own five-year battle with cervical cancer. She was diagnosed with the disease at the age of 25 and had to undergo a radical hysterectomy, the result of her mother taking a prescribed synthetic hormone and anti-mis-carriage drug DES (diethylstilbestrol).

Helfand, who lives in New

York, had been a film maker prior to her diagnosis, Aaron said. The irony in "A Healthy Baby Girl" is that medicine gave Helfand cancer and later saved her life, he said.

"It raises some pretty critical questions," Aaron said. "It's just a lot of ironies."

Helfand works with an organization called Health Care Without Harm, a national coalition for environmentally responsible health care. Although Helfand is politically active, her documentary is more personal than political.

"It's not like a political call to action," Aaron said. "It's more of a human-interest movie."

Following the movie, Helfand will begin a discussion on health care issues.

In addition to the Peabody Award, "A Healthy Baby Girl" also received awards at the Atlanta and South Bronx film festivals and a director's choice award in the Charlotte Film and Video Festival. The documentary was also broadcast on PBS in June 1997 and received an official competition entry in the 1997 Sundance Film Festival and a nomination for the best feature documentary in the International Documentary Association.



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"A Healthy Baby Girl", a Peabody Award-winning documentary by Judith Helfand, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in 100 Willamette.

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