

The Kip Kinkel issue ... what do you think?

Kinkel will pay for his crime the rest of his life

A flurry of emotion always surrounds us when news hits close to home. When Kipland P. Kinkel was sen-

A view from the other side



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tenced Nov. 10 to 112 years in prison, the news hit close to home for most of the residents in Oregon.

The natural reaction to a situation such as the one surrounding

Kinkel would be one of anger; a reaction where the same pain and suffering he caused is forced onto him.

The Death Penalty would therefore seem like the logical choice, the choice most

likely to pay him back for his crimes.

Sometimes, however, we find unexpected surprises when we search beneath the surface.

Kinkel did commit a horrendous crime, and he will pay for that crime

the rest of his life. If we look a little deeper, we begin to see why the 112-year sentence is indeed the more logical choice.

Kinkel has been suicidal since his arrest on May 21, 1998, being placed on a 24-hour suicide watch for almost the entire time since his arrest.

Kinkel has made it clear he wants his life to end, and giving him the death penalty would be giving him what he essentially wants.

By placing Kinkel in prison for

112 years, we are forcing him to live with the crimes he has committed for the rest of his life. By not allowing him death, we are not allowing him the easy way out.

Kinkel was sentenced to 112

years of prison for his crimes. The defining part of his sentence, however, is that Kinkel will never be eligible for parole.

This means Kinkel will have to serve the entire 112-year prison term, ensuring Kinkel will be in prison for the rest of his natural life.

That's a long time to live with the guilt and regret he will inevitably feel, whether for his victims or for Kinkel himself.

Kinkel will be more miserable and feel more suffering in life than in death.

Allowing him to die will only ease his pain, since dying is what he prefers.

Some people want Kinkel to suffer as much as possible for the crimes he committed, and by forcing him to live in a small locked cage for 112 years, we are forcing on him just that.

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Kinkel deserves more pain and suffering for what he caused

Everyone can remember the Thurston High violence and Kip Kinkel. Thank God, that story is com-

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years in prison. But, was that enough?

Was the pain and suffering he caused so many equal to his sentencing? I think not.

For each person injured he was sentenced to 87 extra months in jail. As

well as the 25 years for the four people killed.

I believe in an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." I think he should have been given the death penalty. Not that it would have made much more of a difference. There are people on death row sentenced decades ago still awaiting their executions.

Ok so he's in jail, so what? He has no freedom, caused.

so what? Four people will not be able to grow old. Thank you, Kip. You've made us see the evil in the world. You've made us see how close to home it can come. I only hope you suffer every day of your life while you rot in jail for the pain you

Of course, Kip won't actually be in jail for 112 years—I'd wager about 10 years, tops. That's just the way the system works.

Supposedly in his testimony he said he was sorry for what he did and what he became. Sorry Kip, too little too late. You should have thought that before you pulled the trigger.

The jail sentence is too good for him. Death is too good for him.

He needs to suffer every day. To feel the pain he caused for the rest of his life and beyond eternity.

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