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## The Goldmans remember Ron

■ Ron Goldman's family will sign copies of their book in Farmington Hills next week.



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Next Tuesday, March 11, Fred and Kim Goldman will be at Bader's Bookstore in Farmington Hills to sign copies of their book, "His Name Is Ron."

It will be the last stop on a whirlwind 13-city tour across America, really the beginning of the end of a horrific ordeal that began on June 12, 1994 when Ron Goldman, a 25-year-old waiter and aspiring restaurant owner, was murdered along with Nicole Brown Simpson.

In the book by the family of Ron Goldman with William and Marilyn Hoffer, published by William Morrow last month, the Goldmans tell their story of anguish, frustration and overwhelming grief, all suffered publicly in the glare of an unrelenting media spotlight.

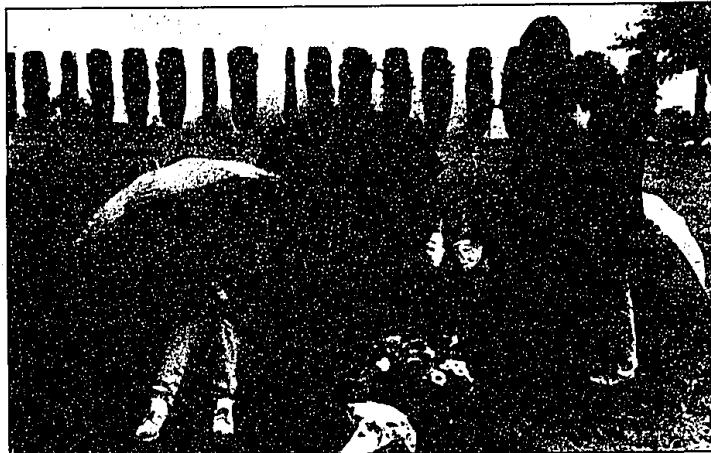
The Goldmans spoke recently by phone from Dallas with the Farmington Observer. Kim Goldman, Ron's younger sister, was the first to speak.

How are you being received by the public during this book tour?

"It's pretty wonderful, as grueling as the days have been, it's also rewarding. To connect with these supportive people, to meet the faces behind the letters we've received, it's very gratifying."

What was your reason for coming out with your book at this time?

"We actually didn't begin working on the book until May of '96. We wanted to share Ron and our experience. So much attention, even sympathy, swirled around the defendant



Mourning: Fred and Patti Goldman stand over the grave of son, Ron, killed with Nicole Brown Simpson nearly two years ago. They are with children Lauren, Michael and Kim.

that Ron's death didn't seem important."

If there is one thing you'd like the public to know about your brother, what is it?

"That he was an unconditional loving, sensitive person. He was my best friend, my hero."

Do you think your family will ever see monetary compensation awarded you from the civil trial against O.J. Simpson?

"I don't care. What I care is that after the verdict was read, he went to Baskin & Robbins for ice cream.

We'd rather have him behind bars. After what happened in the criminal trial, the civil trial, with its monetary award, was the only symbol of punishment left to us to show that he (Simpson) was responsible on some level and that he would have to pay."

Your father is now national spokesman for the Safe Streets Coalition, a group dedicated to reforming the criminal justice system. Are you involved in anything of that nature, anything pertaining to victims

rights?

"I have been asked to speak in numerous states. I've gone to many different cities to talk about the criminal justice system, reducing violent crime and supporting law enforcement and I will continue to do so."

I read in your book that you took a leave of absence from a bank position and from college in San Francisco to be with your family through this ordeal. Are

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## Are men from another planet? A mom's opinion

Are men and women really from different planets?

While the bestseller book theory continues on the planetary origin of the male and female species, I must add my two cents worth. I know men are from earth, or at least some of them, because I have given birth to four. I can't speak for the man I'm married to, but his mother never reported anything extraordinary about his beginnings. There are things I've observed which do seem specific to the male sex, however. I will concede to that.

For instance, I have seen my husband open the fridge, pull out and inspect an empty orange juice carton, then return it to the shelf. Ditto with a son or two within a half hour. It seems an extraordinary feat to recognize it's empty then walk six feet to pitch it in the waste basket. Easier to leave it for mom. A related trait, and one I even observed growing up with four brothers, is their propensity to drink from any wide mouth container in the refrigerator, almost as if it beckons to them. I've even observed them performing this ritual in tandem!

My daughter is young, but if she continues as she is, I don't foresee the same problems. I cannot understand, however, why the boys persist in creating sock balls. The males in our house seem programmed to take off their malodorous socks and leave them balled up. I've discussed it

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