

Putting Safety On Patrol

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Scroggy. "Certified Safety Specialist Kern Austin will be driving the van and performing at least 50 job site inspections per month."

The brightly-painted van has been in operation since October 25, and is equipped with First Aid Kits, hard hats, face shields, protective eye-wear, and other required safety equipment. "We start with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) codes, and we take them even further," said Austin. "Our company is committed to safety. It's our corporate responsibility to protect the employees, as well as the community."

In addition to the safety equipment, the van will also transport posters and bulletins to keep the site well-marked, and updated safety reference manuals. A portable TV and VCR are on board along with various injury prevention videos for the crews to view.

"As far as we know, we are the

only electrical construction company in the region with a Safety Van operating and a full-time Certified Safety Specialist," said Linda Miller Woodall, head of Business Development at EC. "As a full service contractor, our strength comes from diversity and innovation."

"We pride ourselves in the fact that union electricians are required to stay up to code, but this type of a safety program takes that one step further," said Ed Barnes, Business Manager at IBEW Local 48. "We encourage this kind of innovative and responsible service."

EC is a member of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Oregon-Columbia Chapter and a signatory of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48. EC's journeymen and apprentices are trained through the Metro Electrical Training Center, one of the nation's top training programs and facilities.

NATIONAL RAINBOW COALITION

Our Current Concerns: "Is The Party Over?"

What Does Being A Democrat Mean?

For the first time, DC statehood was debated on the House floor, and a vote was taken. Statehood lost 153-to-277 because Democrats abandoned their base, their leadership, their platform and their self-interest. The vote represented progress, but not victory! DC still cannot vote and still is not represented in Congress.

Democrats voting "No" included: AL-Bevill, Browder, Cramer; AZ-Coppersmith, English; AR-Lambert, Thornton; CA-Conditt, Dooley, Lehman, Schenk; CO-Skaggs; FL-Hutto, Johnston, Peterson, Thurman; GA-Darden, Deal, Johnson, Rowland; ID-LaRocco; IL-Lipinski, Poshard, Sangmeister; IN-Hamilton, Roemer; IA-Smith; KY-Baesler, Barlow, Mazzoli; LA-Hayes, Tauzin; MD-Hoyer; MI-Barcia, Carr, Dingell (especially bad, gave 2 very nasty speeches); MN-Peterson; MS-Montgomery, Parker, Taylor, Whitten; MO-Danner, Skelton, Volkmer; MT-Williams; NE-Hoagland; NJ-Huges; NY-Ackerman, Hochbrueckner, LaFalce, McNulty; NC-Lancaster, Neal, Price, Valentine; ND-Pomeroy; OH-Applegate; Fingerhut, Hall (absent);

Kapture, Mann, Strickland; OR-Brewster, English, McCurdy; PA-Holden, Kanjorski, Klink, Murphy; RI-Reed; SC-Derrick, Spratt; SD-Johnson; TN-Clement, Cooper, Gordon, Lloyd, Tanner; TX-Andrews, Brooks (organized TX delegation against DC), Chapman, Coleman, de la Garza, Edwards Frost, Geren, Hall, Laughlin, Ortiz, Sarpalius, Stenholm, Wilson; UT-Orton, Shepherd; VA-Boucher, Byrne, Moran, Payne, Pickett, Sisisky; WV-Mollohan, Rahall, Wise. Two Democrats (Washington-TX & Hall-OH) were absent, but they had indicated their support. One Republican voted "For" calling it a "dignity vote" - Gilshrest-MD.

The Rainbow was NOT Pleased with what President Clinton did on DC Statehood. We want Clinton to: (1) appoint VP Gore as his official statehood liaison to Congress; (2) do a local mass rally with the disenfranchised residents of the District in support of statehood; and (3) use the bully pulpit of the presidency to teach the country about the lack of democracy at the heart of our democracy - in the nation's capital.

The Senate must hold statehood hearings in 1994, and any Democratic senator who votes against statehood (it will probably have to be a vote on an amendment attached to another bill, given the filibuster prospects) should not receive Rainbow support in 1994 or 1996.

Democrats now are consistently NOT supporting traditional Democrats or traditional Democratic issues. THE RAINBOW WONDERS WHETHER THERE IS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SUPPORT? Next year the Democratic Party will try to rally their base around the fear of losing a Democratic majority in Congress in 1994. Currently, even with Democratic majorities and a President, they have not honored commitments they made in 1992. The Rainbow has not been able to count on Democrats; now Democrats can no longer automatically count on the Rainbow! There must be no more blind loyalty to the Party. THE RAINBOW WILL PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND FIGHT DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS OR INDEPENDENTS.

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"This bi-lingual brochure is another example of U.S. Bank's com-

mitment to service the diverse needs of our customer," said John Eskildsen, president of U.S. Bank of Oregon. "We have a long commitment of service to the Hispanic community. In fact, we were honored this year by the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement with their Amistad Award for our support of Hispanic businesses and communities."

U.S. Bank of Oregon, Oregon's largest bank, is a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp, the largest bank holding company headquartered in the Northwest. With assets of \$21 billion as of September 30, 1993, U.S. Bancorp is one of the nation's largest bank holding companies, and has consistently ranked among the top tier of these companies in performance and capital strength. Other U.S. Bancorp bank subsidiaries include U.S. Bank of Washington; U.S. Bank of California; U.S. Bank of Nevada; U.S. Bank of Idaho; and U.S. Bank (Canada).

When An Older Relative Needs Help

Thanksgiving week has been declared National Caregivers Week in support of families caring for older relatives and loved ones. Two toll free numbers can give African American and other families who are caring for frail elderly relatives directions to community and national resources that can provide support. Caregivers can call the Older Women's League's (OWL) toll free number--1-800-TAKE-OWL--to request a free fact sheet and a resource list of national organizations that offer free or low-cost resources.

The Elder Hotline (1-800-677-1116) will provide callers with a local phone number for a community agency that will provide callers with a local phone number for a community agency

that will provide referrals for local resources and services. That local agency may be able to direct callers to services such as adult day care, support groups, homemakers or chore services, senior citizens lunch groups, delivered meals, home health care, hospice programs, legal services, or transportation.

These resources are urgently needed:

- African American families provide most of the care needed by older relatives.
- Approximately seven million Americans already are caring for elderly relatives and loved ones. And the fastest growing segment of our society is the age group over 85.

Caregivers need help. Thirty-five percent of caregivers to the elderly are over age 65 themselves. The average caregiver to the elderly is 45 years old, a woman and married. More than one in four caregivers also have paid jobs and one in three also have children at home.

OWL is a national membership organization that works for policies and programs to improve the status of midlife and older women. Through its First Line of Defense project, OWL is working with health professionals to inform caregivers of resources available in their communities. Generous funding from the Florence V. Burden Foundation and the U.S. Administration on Aging make this project possible.

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