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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Two Roads: One To Hope, One To Helplessness

BY ART KELLER

His white counterpart became sick at heart after discovering the blacks were not satisfied with things as they were. The black men were then cajoled, promised, lied to, threatened, then buffeted in to temporary submission. These blacks started reflecting on: "It takes time for these things to happen."

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OPB To Participate In Mathline Aimed At Middle School Math Teachers

"We couldn't be more pleased to be one of the first stations in the country to offer Mathline," said Maynard Orme, president and CEO of OPB. "OPB is committed to being the state's most accessible learning resource, and serving the educational needs of Oregon."

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Bill Moyers' Journal

Presents acclaimed one-man show with an eloquence and intelligence rarely matched, Frederick Douglas became a giant in the struggle against racial injustice. He called upon all Americans of every color to work to fulfill the vision of a first society that was proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

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The White House National African American History Month February 1994

American was founded on the principle that we all are created equal, and this solemn commitment to tolerance and freedom continues to find us a nation. Our diverse culture enriches and broadens the American experience, of which African American heritage is an inseparable part.

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Firearm Morality Increasing In U.S. While Motor Vehicle Mortality Declines

Already in 1991, more Americans were killed by guns than did in motor vehicle crashes in six states and the District of Columbia, according to the studies published by HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. By early in the next decade or even sooner deaths from firearm injuries may overtake vehicle injury deaths nationwide.

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Little Kebrin Needs A Liver Donor

BY PROMISE KING

Little Kebrin is a twenty month old baby who is in desperate need of a liver donor for transplanting.

At two months, Kebrin had a liver transplant for fulminant hepatitis-a chronic liver disease that affects newborn babies. He has now developed a chronic rejection and has become very immuno-suppressed-which makes him susceptible to infections.

Dr. Annie B. Terry Associate Professor of Pediatrics the Oregon Health Sciences University said his condition is worse than before and should not be exposed to children with infectious diseases.

Kebrin according to experts has only two weeks before his condition deteriorate more, which could eventually end his life.

His first liver transplant was performed at the California Pacific Medical Center in September 1992. The state, churches and relatives had funded the transplant.

To be a donor some one has to discuss the decision with the family, sign and make a donor card.

About thirty patients like Kebrin are equally waiting for a liver transplant.

The Donor's card are available at the Oregon Donor Program and can be reached on (503) 494-7888. There is no added cost for organ and tissue donation of transplant and Kebrin Jones will need a small infant liver to survive.

The Oregon Donor Program is a non-profit organization that is promoting public awareness, about the need for anatomical donation.

The program executive director, Mary Jane Hunt says public support is crucial at this time because of the long list of men, women and children waiting for organ transplants.

His grandmother, Lanetta Jones of North Portland is seeking help from any potential donor between now and two weeks time.

She can be reached at (503) 240-8189.



Little Kebrin and his mother Hynnetta Jones

Tice Electric Adds Important New Member To Their Team



Larry E. Rominger

Tice Electric Company, a Portland based electrical contracting firm with a reputation for excellence in commercial and industrial electrical work, has announced the addition of Larry E. Rominger, P.E., as General Manager of its Power Resources Division.

Rominger comes to Tice from his position as Senior Vice president in charge of construction at Christenson Electric Inc., one of the Northwest's largest electrical contracting companies, where he managed complex high-tech projects for Bonneville Power Administration, Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric, and Tri-Met Light Rail, to name a few.

As General Manager of Tice's Power Resources Division, Rominger will concentrate on high voltage substation/switchyards, transmission lines, and generation/co-generation facilities. He has full responsibility for the entire scope of construction-related activities in these areas.

Rominger is a Northwest native who received his bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington. He is a registered engineer in both Oregon and Washington. He and his family currently

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National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week: Focus On New Law And Correct Use

In response to concerns about the safety of children in automobiles, there is a new Oregon law covering the use of child safety seats. The "four or forty" law, effective last November, requires that children up to age four or 40 pounds be in an approved child safety seat.

Citing the need to educate parents about this law, as well as proper use of child safety seats, the Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Health Division, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Oregon Department of Transportation have pooled resources during this year's National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, February 13-19, 1994.

Before the law went into effect, children were only required to be in a seat until they were one year old. "That wasn't enough," says Robert Mendelson, M.D., a Portland pediatrician. "Children need to be in a seat until they are physically mature enough to use a safety belt. National experts have long recommended that children remain in a child safety seat until they are four years old or forty pounds." During National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, and throughout the year, parents, grandparents and other caregivers who transport children in a vehicle are encouraged to follow these tips closely:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure the child safety seat's effectiveness;

- Face an infant seat to the rear of the car until a child weighs 18-20 pounds and is at least 12 months old;
- Do not put rear-facing child passenger seats the front seat if there is an airbag on the passenger side;
- Secure harness straps securely over the child's shoulders;
- make sure "hand-me-down" seats were made after January, 1981, when comprehensive safety guidelines took effect;
- Destroy any seat that has been in a crash (even if the seat looks okay) and make sure that "hand-me-down" seats have not been previously damaged' and
- Remember that the safest place in the vehicle for children is properly secured in a child safety seat—not in a parent's arms or lap where the child will be ripped away even in a low speed crash.

A final reminder is that Oregon law requires everyone to be buckled up in the vehicle. Adult use of safety belts provides additional safety in the event of a crash and sets a positive example for children.

Educational materials in English and Spanish as well as information on loaner programs for low-income individuals are available from the Child Safety Seat resource Center, 1-800-772-1315. The Resource Center can also answer peoples' questions about child safety seats, give information on recalls and how to buy seats, and provide copies of

manufacturer's instructions.

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Injuries that result from crashes where a child is improperly or not restrained at all cost a staggering amount. In one case study from Oregon, a one-year old child was torn from her mother's arms and ejected out of the automobile. She was in surgery for several hours to elevate the skull from her swollen brain. This child was in the hospital and in hospital-supervised rehabilitation for five weeks, costing Medicaid \$78,000. OHSU did not track the ongoing medical problems, or the costs of rehabilitation and lost productivity for her lifetime.

- In Oregon only 34% of children under age one are correctly restrained in a child safety seat.
- Results from car safety seat checkup clinic in Oregon found that more than 80% of seats are used incorrectly.
- Child safety seats when used correctly are:
- 71 percent effective in preventing fatalities
- 67 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization
- 50 percent effective in preventing minor injury
- Holding a child in an adult's arms is the most dangerous way to transport an infant. In a crash of approximately 30mph, a 10 pound infant will be ripped from a belted adult's arms with a force of almost 300 pounds.

The safest place for a child is in the rear seat of a car, correctly buckled into a child safety seat. Most people do not realize the dangers automobile travel presents to babies and toddlers, nor are they aware of the different types of child safety seats available to fit their needs. There are basically three types of seats:

- **Infant Safety Seats**-Birth to one year old and 20 pounds. Infant seats must always face the rear of the car and cradle the child in a semi-reclining position. Rear facing child safety seats must not be put in an air bag-equipped seating position.
- **Convertible Seats**-Convert from rear-facing infant seats to forward-facing toddler seats once the child can sit up without support and is one year old and 20 pounds. Children should be kept in convertible seats as long as possible, at least until the child weighs 40 pounds.
- **Booster Seats**-designed for use by older children who have grown out of a convertible seat. Boosters elevate children so that the car's lap belt fits either across their hip and pelvic bones or across the booster shield, rather than their stomach.
- Child safety seats are more effective than safety belts for small children. Children older than four or weighing more than 40 pounds can safely use a safety belt when no

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Editorial

Black Contributors To Medicine

The prestigious Chicago Sun-Times Newspaper clucked its tongue and deplore the incident.

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Black History

Dr. Allison Davis Honored 17th

In Black Heritage Stamp Series Dr. Davis served as the John Dewey Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago.

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Black Music Month

Rhythm & Blues Foundation Announces 1994 Pioneer Awards

Little Richard Honored for Lifetime Achievement.

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Health

Aging Organization Increases Opportunities For African Americans To Enter Nursing Home Administration.

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