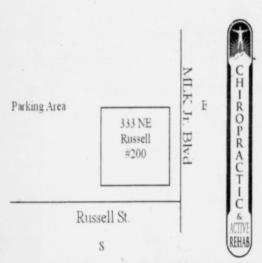
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Providence Heart and Vascular Institute surgeon Dr. Eric Kirker (left), and interventional cardiologists Dr. Todd Caulfield, and Dr. Robert Hodson, explain the historic and minimally invasive procedure to implant the Sapien valve during a news conference last week.

# Valve Implant **Advances Heart Care**

Providence introduces latest technology

Cardiac history has been made in Oregon, as an internationally trained patient at Providence St. Vincent open-heart techniques." Medical Center.

The procedure was performed Feb. 1 on Benjamin Wiener, 91, of Vancouver.

The Sapien valve received FDA approval late last fall, and Providence was selected as the first location in Or-

minimally invasive procedure.

years for the surgery, establishing a multi-disciplinary clinic for valve cardiologists and an anesthesiologist to train with top experts in the field in Canada and Germany.

The Sapien valve has been available outside of the United States since 2007.

"This is a game changer. This is the beginning of a transformational change in the care of patients with valvular heart disease," said Dr. Todd Caulfield, Providence medical director of cardiovascular research. "In the future we will see more patients treated at younger ages and team of heart experts implanted a with better results by using these collapsible Sapien heart valve in a transcatheter procedures rather than

The valve is used in the treatment of severe aortic stenosis for patients who are too ill for conventional openheart surgery.

The device can be delivered percutaneously or with a minimally invasive two-inch inci-

egon to perform the groundbreaking sion in the groin - compared to traditional surgery that involves a Providence prepared for five much longer incision in the chest and sawing of the breast plate.

"This new FDA-approved minipatients, and sending surgeons, mally invasive heart valve replacement procedure is not meant to replace conventional open-heart surgery. It is meant to be one more tool in caring for people too ill for openheart surgery," explained Dr. Caulfield.



Ben Weiner

### **HEALTHWATCH**

Race and Justice Lecture -- Reed College invites the public to hear esteemed Harvard Law School professor Charles J. Ogletree Jr. who will give a Black History Month talk on "Race, Racism, and Discrimination in America," on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Vollum Lecture Hall on the southeast Portland campus.

Festival of African Films -- The 22nd annual Cascade Festival of African Films is now underway with more than 20 films shown through March 3 at three locations, the Moriarty Auditorium on the Portland Community Col-

legeCascadeCampus;TheHollywood Theatre, and McMenamins Kennedy School. For a schedule, go to africanfilmfestival.org.

International Film Festival -- The Northwest Film Center premiers more than 100 international short and feature films to Portland audiences each February. For information visit nwfilm.org.

Blood, Murder and Double Crosses -- Lakewood Theatre Company presents the mystery/thriller Deadly Murder. Now showing through Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego.